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Ground Combat Units Organization Revised

Circular Cover Changes and Why They Are Made

WASHINGTON — Important changes that have been made in the organization of ground combat and supporting service units are set forth in WD Circular No. 256, 16 October, 1943, headed "Reorganization of Corps Headquarters and Ordnance Troops."

The circular is published for the information and guidance of all commanders in the use of the new organizations.

The changes have been made in part on the basis of combat experience to secure (1) the maximum use of available manpower, (2) to permit transport overseas of a maximum of fighting power, (3) to provide greater flexibility in organization, (4) to reduce headquarters and other overhead, and (5) to provide greatest possible amount of offensive power.

The revisions that have been made include:

Corps Changes

The field army continues as a tactical and administrative unit relieving its assigned corps of administrative functions, to permit the corps to concentrate on tactical and training functions.

The corps now consists of a headquarters and headquarters company,



GENERAL BYRON

General Byron Heads Special Service Division

WASHINGTON — Brig. Gen. Joseph W. Byron has been appointed director of the Special Service Division, ASF, in addition to his other duties as director of the Army Exchange Service.

Maj. Gen. Frederick H. Osborn, who has headed the Special Service Division, has been appointed director of Morale Services and attached to the Military Training Division, ASF.

The Training, Research, Control, Information, Orientation, and Education (less Library Section) branches of the Special Service Division, have been transferred to the Director of Military Training, ASF. Several of these branches have been combined in a division of Army Education and Information. The Library Section has become the Army Library Service in the Special Service Division. General Byron is a graduate of West Point, class of 1914, served in the Tank Corps and Cavalry, overseas in World War I, resigned from the Army in 1919. He became president of W. D. Byron and Sons and served as president of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, and as an industrial advisor for the MRA. He was named chief of the Army Exchange Service on Aug. 9, 1942.

military police platoon, signal battalion, headquarters, and headquarters battery, corps artillery, and a field artillery observation battalion.

Other units will be assigned to a corps in accordance with its combat mission. These will be divisions, groups, or battalions of field artillery, and cavalry recon elements.

The motorized division as a separate type of organization has been eliminated. The infantry division can be transported by a troop transport battalion, six truck companies.

The infantry division has been reduced in strength approximately 8 percent and in motor vehicles 14 percent with no change in the basic organization. The division's fire power has been increased.

Regimental organizations are eliminated in the new armored division. Three tank and three armored infantry battalions of increased size and power are provided. Two com-

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General McCaughan, until recently Executive Officer to Maj. Gen. Eugene Reybold, Chief of Engineers, has been succeeded by Maj. Gen. Thomas M. Robins, formerly Chief of the Construction Division, Corps of Engineers.

General McCaughan saw service in the Panama Canal Zone and with the War Plans Division, War Department General Staff. He served overseas in 1918 as Personnel Officer with the 27th Division.

Inside-Out Shoes Repel Water Better

WASHINGTON — Those new-type shoes with the leather inside-out will not only be more comfortable, but also more water-resistant, the War Department said this week. Quartermaster has issued specifications for the chrome-vegetable retanned upper leather of the shoes, known as Type III, which were first announced last April.

The new shoes will replace all others, except special-purpose service shoes. They are made with the flesh side of the leather on the outside. This permits the absorption of more "dubbing," or waterproof dressing, and affords greater comfort to the wearer, who has the smooth, grain side of the leather toward his feet.

Of course, GI's will be equally interested in the fact that the new shoes won't require polishing.

Final Phases May Be Long But War's End Is in Sight

LONDON — "The end of the war is in sight," Gen. Bernard Montgomery asserted in a special message to the British Broadcasting Corporation addressed to men who fought with the Eighth Army and are now in other formations throughout the world.

"Final phases may be long and difficult," General Montgomery said. "But in the distance we can now see complete and absolute victory. Only one thing is necessary and that is that every one of us—workers at home, in the factories and mines, and soldiers on the battlefield—must all continue to put our full weight in the national war effort. Not one of us must stop work or cease fighting till we have received unconditional surrender of the enemy."

Armored Corps Redesignated

WASHINGTON — The II, III, and IV Armored Corps have been redesignated the 18th, 19th and 20th Corps, respectively, in a move which is believed to give added emphasis upon training of tank-infantry teams.

Where formerly an armored corps had two or more armored divisions under its command, a heavier preponderance of infantry is expected to be developed under the new set-up.

Immediate effect of the redesignation on troops of the former armored corps was small, other than a shifting of shoulder patches in the corps' headquarters. Personnel, station and functions of the units remained substantially unchanged.

The new 18th Corps is commanded by Maj. Gen. William H. H. Morris, Jr.; the 19th by Maj. Gen. Willis D. Crittenden, and the 20th by Maj. Gen. Walton H. Walker.

WASHINGTON — For the men and women in service, who put away their school books for the duration and six months, continued education in post-war days with Uncle Sam paying the bill has been proposed.

President Roosevelt has recommended a billion-dollar educational program for discharged service men and women who have served six months or more to Congress and

judging from the attitude Congress has assumed on service problems the money will be waiting when the all-

clear signal is sounded.

Mr. Roosevelt, in his message, stated that "lack of money should not prevent any veteran of this war from equipping himself for the useful employment for which his aptitude and willingness qualify him."

"We must replenish our supply of persons qualified to discharge the heavy responsibilities of the post-war world," Mr. Roosevelt said. "We have taught our youth how to wage war; we must also teach them how to live useful and happy lives in freedom, justice, and decency."

Two Main Proposals

Based on the preliminary report of a special committee on educational rehabilitation headed by Maj. Gen. Frederick H. Osborn, the President set forth these two principal proposals:

"1. The Federal Government should make it financially feasible for every man and woman who has served honorably for a minimum period (six months) in the armed forces since September 16, 1940 (effective date of selective service), to spend a period up to one calendar year in a school, a college, a technical institution, or in actual training in industry so that he can further his education, learn a trade or acquire the necessary knowledge and skill for farming, commerce, manufacturing, or other pursuits.

"2. In addition, the Federal Government should make it financially possible for a limited number of ex-servicemen and women, selected for their special aptitudes, to carry on their general, technical, or professional education for a further period of one, two, or three years."

The Education-Study Committee was appointed by Mr. Roosevelt last November when he signed the bill authorizing the drafting of 18 and 19-year-old youths.

School Is Cheaper

It has been estimated that it will be cheaper keeping a soldier in school for a year, \$900, than to keep him in the field, \$1500.

The committee, on the basis of 12,000,000 in the armed forces, estimated that a minimum of 1,000,000 persons might be expected to return to school or take up new courses.

Although plans for administering the program have not been completely formulated it will probably be worked out with State cooperation.

Servicemen and women, who desire the additional schooling, will be surveyed and it is possible that they and instructors will be among the first persons discharged from the armed forces.

Long-Range Program

The proposal is part of a long-range program to ease the problem of post-war readjustment of service men and women. It has been stressed that the Government is providing excellent care for those in uniform during the war and that it owes the same responsibility after the war.

The schedule of allowances for the students—in addition to tuition—is \$50 monthly for single persons, \$75 for married men, and \$10 for each child.

Pity the Clerk, Ration Pay Now on Payroll

WASHINGTON — The company clerk has another headache—but, the enlisted man who is authorized to mess separate from his organization may cheer. Effective next payday, Oct. 31, ration payment will be included on the payroll.

No longer will the rationed EM wait for Finance to pay him off on check.

But the poor company clerk must type:

"Enlisted Man for commutation rations from Oct. 1, '43, to Oct. 31, '43, inclusive, at the rate of 67 cents per day . . ."



AMERICAN SOLDIERS manning a 20 mm. flak gun, captured on the beach at Paestum, Italy. This gun may be swung up and down in a wide arc and used as an anti-tank gun as well as anti-aircraft. Pictured left to right are Pvt. E. C. Kline, Pvt. Rains, Cpl. Laddie Fright (gunner in charge), and Pvt. Homer Taylor. All are members of an American Coast Artillery battalion. —Signal Corps Photo

Rough, Tough Warrior Patton Writes Poem, 'God of Battles'

NEW YORK — In the heart of all great leaders lies the soul of a poet.

The two-fisted, gun-toting Commander of the American Seventh Army, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., known affectionately to his men as "Old Blood and Guts" was revealed recently as a poet.

"God of Battles" is a soldier's poem, written by a great leader of fighting men. It is a poem the editors of Woman's Home Companion, in which it was published, said would take its place "with the world's great war literature."

The heretofore unpublished work was turned over to the magazine, its editors said, by Mrs. Patton who has cherished it ever since the general wrote it.

"God of Battles" is not the only literary work of the rough, tough



General Patton

warrior. Two other military poems were read by Mrs. Patton at the Author's Club dinner in Boston, but she declined to release them for publication.

Recognized as one of the most brilliant leaders in the American Army, General Patton and his pearl-handled revolvers became legend during the fighting in Africa and Sicily. His bold daring set the example for thousands of fighting men. His poem promises to be a standard for millions of men in battle throughout the world.

GOD OF BATTLES

From pride and foolish confidence,
From every weakening creed,
From the dread fear of fearing
Protect us, Lord, and lead.

Great God, who through the ages
Hast braced the bloodstained hand,
As Saturn, Jove, or Woden
Hast led our warrior band.

Again we seek Thy counsel,
But not in cringing guise.
We whine not for Thy mercy—
To slay: God make us wise.

For slaves who shun the issue
We do not ask Thy aid.
To Thee we trust our spirits,
Our bodies unafraid.

From doubt and fearsome boding,
Still Thou our spirits guard,
Make strong our souls to conquer,
Give us the victory, Lord.

Copies of the Army Times
are made available to all
Army hospitals through the
American Red Cross.

In Congress This Week

House Passes Own Father Draft Bill

WASHINGTON—A conference committee was appointed by the two Houses of Congress late this week to iron out differences of opinion as how best to keep "pre-Pearl Harbor fathers" out of the Army. When the Senate bill was voted on the floor of the House this week, it was completely re-written.

The House version directs that fathers shall be drafted after all other "available" registrants, regardless of their occupations, thus setting aside the "work or fight" provisions of Paul McNutt. The House would remove War Manpower Commissioner McNutt's authority over the Selective Service system.

Both Houses are in agreement in directing a medical commission to investigate the possibility of lowering the Army's physical standards and inducting many registrants who are now in class 4-F. This commission would be specially charged with considering standards for men inducted for limited service.

The House would also set draft quotas on a nation-wide and state-wide basis, thus changing the procedure which now permits fathers in one board to be drafted while there are available single men in other boards.

Congress continued to give consideration to the post-war welfare of veterans of World War II. One problem which is being considered by many legislators is that of social security. As things now stand, while persons employed in industry at high salaries are amassing big credits in the social security reserve against which they can draw for future pensions, for servicemen many months are passing during which their reserves are remaining stationary.

Revision Under Study

Many Congressmen agree that the social security system should be revised to bring servicemen under its

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provisions and that the Government should foot the bill, but to do so is a lengthy and involved legal and economic procedure. To iron out the kinks in this procedure, Senator Vandenburg this week introduced a resolution (S. Con. Res. 22) calling upon the Social Security Board to create a special advisory council "to investigate the extension of the Federal old-age and survivors insurance system to include persons in the armed forces, and also the extension of unemployment allowances after termination of military service."

Also proposed was a plan whereby veterans could borrow up to \$1000 to pay off debts owed by them at the time of discharge from the service. According to a bill (H.R. 3529), loans would bear interest of 6 per cent and would be repayable by monthly installment within three years.

Meanwhile, another measure was introduced into the House to suspend provisions of law relating to compulsory retirement for age of officers. House Joint Resolution 178 would retain over-age officers, but would not hamper the advancement of officers on the promotion list because those held in service would be exclusive of officers now authorized for the Regular Army.

Bill Passed

Passed by the Senate and sent back to the House for approval of changes was an amendment to the gratuity benefits act which would make it impossible for an estate to collect a serviceman's death benefit of six months' pay, but would pay the amount to his nearest living relative.

Also introduced were the following bills:

H. R. 3510, which would charge an extra \$5 against the monthly pay of servicemen who are receiving a dependent's allowance for Class B or B-1 dependents.

H. R. 3541, which provides for the payment of base pay plus dependents' and quarters' allowances for one year after veterans of this war leave active duty.

H. R. 3546, sponsored by Representative Clair Luce, which would establish an "Army and Navy Maintenance Corps" composed of persons now deferred for physical reasons, which would be used to meet labor shortages in industry.

Direct Commissioning Of Civilians Stopped

WASHINGTON—Except for doctors, dentists, chaplains, and certain pilots, commissioning of persons directly from civilian life has been discontinued, Secretary of War Stimson revealed this week at his press conference.

However, he said, in some cases exceptions may be made where an individual has talents especially needed.

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Ground Combat Units Revised

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bat command headquarters are included. No change has been made in the artillery organization. Artillery and infantry strength has been increased in comparison with tank strength. The supply battalion has been eliminated since the battalions have been made self-sustaining.

A new light type of division suitable for amphibious, airborne, mountain, and jungle operations is being tested. The strength is considerably less than the infantry division, but with approximately the same fire power in small arms and automatic weapons. Transport consists essentially of hand carts, pack animals, and quarter-ton trucks.

Staff Changes

Generally staffs have been revised downward to provide only sufficient personnel for combat needs.

Pooling of units is emphasized. General headquarters pools are being established. Also group headquarters for field artillery, tank destroyer, engineer, cavalry, antiaircraft artillery, and tank units.

The group is a tactical unit composed of a headquarters and a varying number of separate battalions (squadrions). Group headquarters are provided, where required, on the basis of one to every three or four battalions.

The brigade is retained in certain cases for the command of a number of groups and continues as a tactical unit.

The flexibility of the new organization makes it readily possible to form task forces without reorganization of units.

The revised divisions are provided organically with a limited number of defensive weapons. A pool of defensive units is provided under control of Army or corps.

Supply and maintenance principles are based on FM 100-10. The Army is responsible for supplies within convenient reach of regiments, separate battalions, and smaller units.

No change is made in ammunition supply.

Other subjects covered in the circular are communications zone organization, including ports of embarkation, depots, hospitals, signal communication service, engineer construction service, transportation service, station services, and communications zone units.

Some of the changes and revisions covered in the circular have been made recently, others over a period of time. The circular is largely informative of what has been done and why it has been done, and is illustrated with charts showing examples of corps, group and theater of operations organization, communications, zone section, port of embarkation, depot headquarters, and quartermaster branch depot.

Baggage to Go With Men to Hospitals

WASHINGTON—Change No. 2 in AR 55-160 makes provision for the allowance for persons ordered to hospitals as patients. Formerly clothing left in barracks was frequently lost. The new order will prevent this.

"Whenever any military or civilian personnel are ordered to Army hospitals for observation or treatment, every reasonable and practicable effort will be made to move each such person's baggage with him, checked free of charge by carrier where so provided. When despite such effort that is not done, transportation by railway express of not to exceed 150 pounds of baggage per person may be furnished at public expense. Such shipment will be made as promptly as possible after departure of the patient."

Soldiers May Pay Cash for Laundry

WASHINGTON—Change No. 5 in AR 30-2135 provides for enlisted men's laundry service as follows:

"The commanding officer of the post, camp, or station may prescribe that in the event of transfer of enlisted men, the sum due for laundry service may be collected from such enlisted men in cash by the laundry officer who will notify the organization commander that payment of account has been accomplished."

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War Department Hears

German Radio Is Five Years Behind Our Own

WASHINGTON—German radio equipment is "five years behind our own," a Signal Corps officer just returned from Africa reported to the War Department.

The officer, Capt. James P. Lipp, said that this inferiority in design, components and construction appears to be due to the fact that the Germans standardized their radio apparatus during 1934-1938 and have not attempted further improvements.

Captain Lipp, assigned to the Signal Section of Allied Force Headquarters in North Africa, came home to submit a report on captured enemy signal equipment. He soon will return overseas.

Lack Waterproofing

"German sets are well-built and have a great deal of strength," Captain Lipp said, "but those that we have tested were certainly not made for Africa. They lacked waterproofing and were not dustproofed. In many cases, stop-gap measures were used. For instance, we have noticed that tape and various sealing compounds were used in an attempt to make sets resistant to corrosion and to exclude dust. An obvious fault was the lack of impregnation of coils and transformers to keep out moisture."

Remarking that German signal prisoners he interviewed did not seem very well trained on technical lines, although they were fairly good operators, Captain Lipp added:

"In many cases we have picked up radio sets that were intentionally sealed to prevent tampering so that German operators could not attempt their own repairs. Our own boys, of course, having 'Yankee ingenuity,' think nothing of repairing or improvising their own equipment if they have the tools and parts."

He reported that damaged enemy equipment is "cannibalized" for coils, condensers, resistors, tubes, batteries and meters. These are used to repair our equipment and also enemy apparatus to be used by the Allies.

Don't Use Captured Equipment
United States forces, Captain Lipp said, have not yet had to resort to use of captured equipment.

Captain Lipp and his men got some of their captured equipment through normal channels and found

other pieces by scouting around the front lines. Once helpful troops began bringing to the Signal Corps oval shaped objects they described as loudspeakers. When these turned out to be German land mines, they were sent quickly to Ordnance.

Division Trains Own Radio Men

PINE CAMP, N. Y.—So that there will be sufficient skilled radio technicians to maintain communication within a rapidly-moving armored division, the 5th Armored Division is training its own repair men in a division repair school.

The school was established locally because it was believed that men learn better in the familiar atmosphere of their own division than if they were sent away to school at other posts, and because, by remaining with the division, the men may keep in touch with current training.

A full year's course of study has been condensed into a tough three months of intensive training for the 50 students enrolled. Graduates will be qualified, however, not only to repair and install authorized radio equipment used by the division but also to salvage captured enemy radios.

'Look' Contest Offers \$5000 in War Bonds

NEW YORK—LOOK MAGAZINE is offering \$2,500 in War Bonds as first prize, and \$2,500 in other prizes for the best answers to the soldiers' question: "What kind of country can you and I build when the war is over?"

"No fine writing is needed to win," says the announcement. "Beautiful phrases and slogans mean less than sound, honest thought, simply and plainly expressed. LOOK wants your own ideas, your own words, your own picture of the America that is coming."

Rules of the contest and full details may be obtained by writing to LOOK'S Contest Editor, 511 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

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Infantry's Our Secret Weapon, Early States

Once Overlooked, People Are Now Watching the Infantry

FORT BENNING, Ga.—"Our 'secret weapon' of this war is the infantry—the weapon about which we have talked the least and on which we depend the most," the President's secretary, Stephen T. Early, told a graduating class at the Infantry School here this week.

"The same old dependable, mud-slogging, jungle hunting, mountain climbing infantry which closes with the enemy, meets him in hand to hand conflict, kills him or drives him backward and seizes the ground which the airplane and the warship and the production plants at home may have enabled the doughboy to reach but which only he can take and hold."

Infantry Overlooked for a While

There was a period when the "glamour boys" of the Air Forces, Navy and Tank Corps got all the glory and people overlooked the infantry, Mr. Early said, and only now do we begin to see the importance of the infantry.

"Men on wings may be a decisive factor in bringing victory. Men in armor may supply the punch to jab holes here and there or to break through when the holes are opened for them. But the man on foot—walking, crawling, waiting patiently for the kill, running when a minute earlier he did not believe he could pull one foot after another—he is the man who finally determines whether and when a war is won."

"Mans' principal home is on the ground, and no one is as close to the ground as the infantryman. Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell has paid tribute to the airplane; it may win battles and dominate territory; but, he points out in picturesque speech, 'You've got to have a man to go there and stand.'

"Perhaps it is a mistake to say merely that our 'secret weapon' is the infantry. Rather, it is a product of the training, the spirit, the teamwork and the individuality which go into the making of our infantry. When our men entered the jungles of the South Pacific, they were confronted with the unorthodox tactics of Japanese who perched for days in treetops to send snipe bullets into their midst. They, too, quickly took to the trees. Just as quick they developed climbers and tree hammocks to outdo the Japs at their own game. And they shot straighter, to boot.

Our Formula

"Here, rather, is our 'secret weapon'—a formula of American spirit, courage and ingenuity plus the best training in the world to make the mainstay of the American fighting machine.

"Our major campaigns on the ground have taken place in three areas of the world, each as dissimilar as possible from the other. They have been in the jungles of the South and Southwest Pacific, the desert hills of North Africa, the fields and volcanic mountains of Sicily and Italy—all in the Mediterranean region—and then, the icy fogs and snow-swept crags of Attu in the Aleutians.

"In each case it was, in the end, the infantry which had to fight for the ground and clinch the victory. Happily they went with new weapons—the airplane in advance as well as supporting them, the tank, the bazooka, new pieces of artillery, greater concentration of fire. But infantrymen, tediously advancing on foot, taking cover and attacking, capturing one exposed enemy position after another, flanking here, directly assaulting there—men who went hungry and sleepless, drooping with fatigue. These men were the backbone of victory."

To Discuss Peace Without Prejudice

FORT KNOX, Ky.—Peace without racial and religious prejudices will be the subject of a series of meetings to be attended by all military personnel at Fort Knox during a period from November 8 to 12, inclusive.

Under the joint sponsorship of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and Army units at Fort Knox the meetings will feature outstanding clergymen and laity of Protestant, Jewish, and Catholic faiths, in twelve-minute speeches. Three speakers will appear on each program and their talks will deal with ways of preventing possible sources of unrest that might lead to civil strife during the post-war era.

The points to be offered for the soldiers' consideration will include: Protection of the rights of oppressed peoples and the rights of the individual; observance of the moral law of God; respect for racial, religious, and cultural minorities; the establishment of adequate standards of living for all peoples, and a just social order within all States.

Orientation Kit to Be Sent Out Each Month

WASHINGTON—To help American soldiers know the why of fighting as well as the how, Army Service Forces will send a monthly collection of orientation materials to orientation officers, the War Department announced in Circular No. 242 (Oct. 6, 1943).

The first issue, containing the following items and designated as "Orientation Materials," Issue No. 1, October, 1943, was expected to be sent out this week to posts, camps, and stations in the continental United States and to overseas theaters.

a. Basic orientation maps, "The World and Europe."
b. Newsmap reference list to basic maps previously published.
c. Sheet of map symbols.
d. "Maps and How to Understand Them," a booklet.
e. Introduction to "Why We Fight" films.
f. "Why We Fight" lectures.
g. "Defeat of the German Army—Bik," a booklet.
h. Fact sheet.
i. Supplement No. 2, "War in Outline."

Polish Officer Given Legion of Merit

WASHINGTON—Efforts which have insured the closest cooperation between Poland's General Staff and armed forces and the United States War Department were recognized this week with presentation of the Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer, to Lt. Col. Lucian L. Sadowski, Chief of Polish Military Intelligence in the United States. He was given the award for insuring "the closest cooperation of the Polish General Staff and the Polish Armed Forces with the United States War Department."



THIS ANTI-AIRCRAFT machine gun mount is being used in training batteries of the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Fort Sill, Okla., replacing the tripod ground mount. Though used in the coast artillery this anti-aircraft mount is new to the field artillery training center. Here Cpl. Clarence E. P. Crauer, machine gun instructor, demonstrates the use of the anti-aircraft mount.

Sawdust Takes on Military Use—In Gas Mask Canisters

WASHINGTON—Intensive research by the Chemical Warfare Service has produced a superior domestic substitute for imported material used in gas mask canisters, the War Department announced this week.

Formerly, activated charcoal produced from cocoanut shells had been the ingredients used in canisters, but long before Pearl Harbor, Army officers, realizing the possibility that the supply of this raw material from the South Seas might be cut off in the future, ordered experiments to develop a domestic substitute.

Through this research, an activated charcoal has been produced

from sawdust, wood, coke and even coal which is superior to that made from cocoanut shells in the ability to absorb toxic gases.

Experiments are being continued by the Chemical Warfare Service to bring about still further improvement.

During the World War, when gas warfare was introduced first, the public was asked to save peach pits to provide the gas mask ingredients and receptacles for their collection were set up in public places. Since then great strides have been made in protecting the soldier against this type of weapon.

Major Criticizes Army Policy On Discharges

NEW YORK—Insufficient attention given to convalescents was cited as one important reason for the Army's "high discharge rate on physical grounds," by Maj. Walter E. Barton, director of the reconditioning division of the Surgeon General, addressing a conference on orthopedic nursing here.

Referring to football as a comparison, Major Barton asserted that "in the Army we retire the varsity men," and declared that "we let the man with battle experience be discharged," when with proper treatment he might be put back in the game.

Major Barton said that the "empty hours" which the wounded soldiers spend in Army hospitals were also responsible for the high discharge rate and declared that it is not conducive to good morale for a man to sit around doing nothing while waiting for another operation.

He noted that the Army Air Forces had established several recreation centers similar to those of the Royal Air Force, and stated that the Surgeon General planned to have such centers in every Army hospital. He explained that the aim of these centers was physical fitness, rather than work on any specific disabilities of the men.

AMERICAN-MADE borscht, a soup made from beets, is now being used in large quantities in Russia.

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Fifth Column in Europe Has Backfired

The fifth column has backfired. The Nazi-perfected instrument of aggression served its masters well during the early days of the war, but today, the fifth column or underground is striking relentlessly at the heart of the German empire.

While the steel band of Allied war might tightens about Hitler's fortress, the powerful underground organizations wage their war of death and destruction in the heart of Europe.

Scattered groups of hate-filled people are no longer wreaking vengeance upon the enemy—they have been welded into a powerful organization beneath the bloodthirsty nose of the Gestapo. The organization tries the offenders, pronounces the sentences and trained executioners exact the penalties. It is no accident when two or three trains are derailed within an hour or two plants have serious difficulties just when their products are in the greatest demand. No personal motives prompt the liquidating of a German army staff officer on a vital day.

It is not only a war of death and destruction the underground is waging. It is an insulting, back-handed war which undermines the morale of the conquerors. The French women contemptuously ignore the German warriors, the Norwegian youngsters openly insult their rulers, the Polish people are excessively polite. Beneath this cloak of mingled emotions the Nazis know that prisoners are being secreted out of the country, newspapers are being published, news is being broadcast and plans are being formulated to aid the Allied armies as they push closer to Germany.

The terrific damage being inflicted on the German war effort is reflected in the penalty exacted by the Gestapo of death and torture for the residents of entire communities. The fifth column has backfired and it is costing Hitler thousands of soldiers in armies of occupation to prevent the backfire from becoming a major explosion.

Let's Keep It Clean, Hollywood!

The flavor of Army language is a bit rich for mixed company. Words for which Junior has his mouth washed out with soap are part of the rough, tough language of fighting men.

Unfortunately, the soldiers' use of the picturesque Army profanity has been misinterpreted by many Army show entertainers. Again it may be that the wide publicity given pin-up pictures has given an unfortunate twist to the entertainers' thinking, as many have perverted ideas that soldiers want sex, raw sex, as the only feature of their camp shows.

Few soldiers will shy away from a story which begins: "Did you hear the one about the farmer's daughter, who . . ." But when an entire stage show is devoted to the question of who makes a pass at the blonde star—that is much, too much.

The soldiers don't want a nicey-nicey show—they get a laugh out of a fast line of chatter. But when their favorite actress or the lovely voice they have heard over the radio adopts an Army vocabulary and makes sex the script for a skit, the soldiers don't like it.

One soldier expressed the feelings of many. After listening to a bawdy, unfunny show for a few minutes he bawled out lustily, "Let's keep it clean."

Less Shrinkage Promised In New Type Army Socks

WASHINGTON—Those Joe's who laundering conditions prevailing in haven't a way with the Supply Barge and can't wangle a new pair of socks out of him when they want them will be glad to hear that QM has changed specifications for socks to assure less shrinkage and greater wear under actual service conditions.

New specifications provide for a change in the grade of wool to give increased shrinkage resistance under

Col. T. L. Milligan Is New CO Amphibian Command

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—Col. Timothy L. Milligan, CE, has succeeded Col. Henry Hutchings as commanding officer of the Engineer Amphibian Command at this post. Colonel Hutchings is in command of the Fourth Engineer Special Brigade, which left Camp Edwards recently for further training at Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla.

Brig. Gen. Joseph E. Harriman, who commanded all antiaircraft units attached to the Second Corps in the battle of Tunisia, was named commanding general of the Antiaircraft Artillery Training Center here last week. General Harriman replaces Brig. Gen. Norris C. Handweck, who has left Edwards to assume command at another antiaircraft training camp.

Getting A Grip On Things!



LIFE AT THE FRONT

Reports On Fighting Men
From All Over The World

Planes Fight Locusts

CAIRO, Egypt—Twenty-five Russian and twelve British planes and pilots have been assigned to dust poison on the swarms of locusts in the Persian gulf area during the 1943-4 season, beginning in November. Two locust-plagued areas are Persia and the Arabian peninsula. The anti-locust unit will concentrate on coastal breeding areas but third and fourth generations of locusts have already made their way northward through Arabia, necessitating a campaign during the winter in that region. Pilots of planes carrying supplies of dinitro-orthocresol have been trained to soar above the locust swarms and throttle down, with spray guns wide open. The poison kills on contact. In addition tons of moistened bran mixed with a solution of sodium arsenate are being laid in the path of the advancing swarms.

Swell Jobs

TRINIDAD—Frederick Jagel, Charles Kuhlman, Leonard Warren and Frederick Roche, members of New York's Metropolitan Opera Company, who had been presenting opera at Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires, stopped here on the way home and gave a concert in the USA for the American soldiers stationed here. There was apparently no high-hat stuff among the singing stars. "The men were down-to-earth, swell Joes, one of the listeners said, "who jested as they sang and did not in any way resemble a threatening Mussolini." The singers presented such popular numbers as "Cow Cow Boogie" and "Drink to Me Only" and made themselves a part of their audience.

Trying Hard

LONDON—An 18-year-old American, Herbert L. Price, of Buffalo, N. Y., bummed his way 3,500 miles across the Atlantic to join the British army, after being turned down several times at home, only to be given the same answer: "Sorry, son, your eyes are not good enough." Failing acceptance at his home recruiting office, Price started across the United States with only \$150 in his pocket. At Fort Knox, Ky., he was accepted until it was discovered he had used his brother's birth certificate. He tried at El Paso, Texas, then at Miami, Fla., and then travelled to Mexico and Canada, trying to join the armies of both countries, but they wouldn't accept an American citizen. Then he hitch-hiked to New York, had his "lake" papers changed to "ocean-going" and signed as a mess boy on a freighter. He is being sent home on a merchant vessel but asserts he will start hitch-hiking again as soon as he gets back. "Sooner or later," he says, "I'll find an Army doctor who will pass me."

Laboratory tests have shown that approximately 70 per cent of the failures in light wool socks occur at those points which can be strengthened by the addition of high spliced heel and double sole reinforcement. These additions are placed above the spliced reinforcement on the heel, at the edge of the spliced reinforcement at the heel and toe, at the start of the gore line, and in the sole. Provision for the use of 10's carded merino yarn as an approved alternate for light wool socks in the old specification has been eliminated.

Tooth Brushes Prized

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—Ralph Studebaker, Red Cross Field Worker, who has recently returned from the North African fighting zone and is visiting Southern camps to give Red Cross workers a first hand report of what they will experience in their work overseas, says that tooth brushes are among the most highly prized possessions of soldiers now overseas. "When men are sent behind the lines for a rest," Studebaker says, "one of the first things they request is tooth brushes. As a matter of fact tooth brushes vie with mail as tops on the popularity list among soldiers on the fighting lines."

American Influence

ICELAND—Icelandic shops have taken on an American tinge and the Icelanders have become accustomed to American ways and American things after two years' contact with the United States troops stationed here, according to Chaplain Ralph W. Rogers. Before the war shops in Reykjavik, Iceland's capital, were stocked with European goods, since all trade had been with the continent. Now up-to-date American styles and a variety of American articles are being shown. The American influence has also been noted in new buildings, and apartments recently built are of a modernistic type.

Twenty Million Expendable Books Will Be Distributed

WASHINGTON—Twenty million books, pocket size, paper bound, expendable, will be distributed to the armed forces during the coming year. Published by the Council on Books in Wartime, a non-profit organization, there will be 30 different titles each month, printed in minimum lots of 50,000 each.

Known as Armed Services Editions, the books are distributed by the Army Library Service for the Army, and the Bureau of Naval Personnel for the Navy. Because of the demand for reading material overseas, the first two monthly sets of 30 titles each will be used entirely for overseas troops.

Within the U. S. the council books are intended for military personnel who do not have access to established Army libraries. They are particularly adapted for use in outpost positions, subposts, on maneuvers, in guard houses, searchlight and anti-aircraft battery positions.

Between The Covers

LIFE magazine offers free reprints of its recent report, "America and the Future," discussing "What kind of America do you want?" and "What kind of world do you want?" prepared by a committee of LIFE, TIME and FORTUNE editors. Address: LIFE Magazine, 14 West 49th street, New York City, Zone 20 . . . "How Eisenhower Does His Job" is an article in the November issue of READER'S DIGEST. In the same issue, "Where There's Hope (Bob) There's Life," "Fliers Who Fight Without Guns" . . . MILITARY REVIEW for October lead article is "Air Strategy for Victory" by Gen. Henry H. Arnold . . . Also "Training Literature—Distribution and Utilization," and many other important military articles, and 21 foreign military digests . . .

Edward A. Raymond, FA, is lead "Long Toms in Action" by Maj. article in November Field Artillery Journal . . . "A Use of the Bazooka" by Maj. R. W. Schmelz, FA . . . "The War in Italy" (Aug. 21 to Sept. 21, 1943) is covered in the same issue by Col. Conrad H. Lanza . . . "A Medical Program for Aviation" by Ross A. McFarlane is of special interest in the autumn number of Harvard Business Review . . . "Battlefield Recovery Unit," the Army's new bring-em-back-and-fix-em vehicle is described in the Sept.-Oct. issue of ARMY MOTORS.

LETTERS

Gentlemen:
Your issue of September 11 contained General Marshall's biennial report on important events affecting the United States Army between July 1, 1941, and June 30, 1943.

I thought the report to be very good and would like to know if you could send me General Marshall's first report covering the period from July 1, 1939, to June 30, 1941.

Sgt. William Rinne,
Camp Pickett, Va.

(Sending you our last copy.)

Gentlemen:
As do the men of Battery A, 116th F. A. Bn., we like that picture of Marjorie Lord. How's chances of getting a copy? Thanks a lot.
S/Sgt. Charles C. Pegram,
Camp Lee, Va.
(Chances good. Sending today.)

Gentlemen:
Needless to say, if we see an issue of ARMY TIMES each week I can truthfully say we feel well read as far as keeping up with the Army and the times are concerned. One issue scatters around until it is torn and wrinkled it could go no further.

G. G. Robinson,
APO 260, c/o PM,
Nashville, Tenn.

Gentlemen:
In your August 28 issue there was an item about a circular from the office of the Provost Marshal General in connection with the opening of a school for the study of military government where enlisted men were eligible. Could you give me further information?

Pfc. Paul R. Gordon,
Westover Field, Mass.
(Circular is being mailed you containing the information requested.)

In overseas bases and theatres of operations the books are intended for distribution to all troops within the command, including soldiers stationed in outposts, in the fighting zones, and in hospitals.

Distribution of the first monthly selections began this month. The list of titles follows:

Education of Hyman Kaplan; Report from Tokyo; Good Intentions; Mama's Bank Account; There Go the Ships; Sophie Halenczik, American; Mr. Winkie Goes to War; Oliver Twist.

Tortilla Flat; World Series; My World and Welcome to It; Peace Marshal; Heathen Days; The Ship; The Human Comedy; Wind, Sand and Stars; The Making of Modern Britain; The Unvanquished.

Miracles of Military Medicine; A Time for Greatness; The Ministry of Fear; Happy Landings; Type; George Washington Carver; Lord Jim; Storm Over the Land; Action at Aquila; Reprisal; Fireside Book of Dog Stories.

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Allotment Changes Won't Slow Payment

War Department Explains Procedure for Changeover to New Rates

WASHINGTON—Amendments to the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942, signed by the President this week, call for a conversion of most of the 3,000,000 family allowance accounts administered by the War Department Office of Dependency Benefits, an activity of the Army Service Forces in Newark, N. J., the War Department announced.

Dependents now receiving family allowances will continue to receive their checks without interruption, however, during the change-over, Brig. Gen. H. N. Gilbert, Director of the Office of Dependency Benefits, stated.

Several Months to Convert

"Checks will be in the old amounts until the accounts can be set up under the new rates," said General Gilbert. "When the conversion is accomplished on an account, any sums accrued (representing the difference between the monthly payments under the original act and those due under the act as amended) will be included in a first-payment check. It will take several months to complete the conversion of the millions of accounts on our books."

General Gilbert stressed the fact that dependents of enlisted men already receiving a family allowance need make no application for the increased benefits. The ODB has already set up assembly-line procedures for converting every account involving a dependent who is eligible to receive the increased amounts. Unnecessary letters and inquiries will only delay the work, he explained.

His agency has already swung into action for changing over the accounts, the Director revealed. Last June, as Congress began considering the payment-boosting amendments, the Director and his staff of officers began to prepare plans for handling the tremendous volume of work that would result. A board of procedure, composed of officers of all the branches which might be involved in processing any changes provided in an amendment, met almost daily during the Summer under the guidance of General Gilbert.

Machine Written

The operations demanded by the conversion involve astronomical figures. All family allowances now in effect that involve both wives and children, or parents and minor brothers and sisters, must be recomputed. The accounts must be re-examined to determine compliance with the amended requirements of the law, and payments reauthorized at the new scale, or discontinued if dependents are no longer eligible. Since ODB checks are machine-written, new mechanical control cards must be prepared for every account as it is reauthorized. In all, more than 6,000,000 new control cards will have to be made before the change-over is completed.

Thousands of new accounts will be added as applications are received from men in the first, second, and third grades who will become eligible to apply for them under the new amendments. Before the law was amended, only the enlisted men in the four lowest grades—from privates to sergeants—were eligible.

The ODB has already sent out a simple certificate to be filled out by or on behalf of parents and minor brothers and sisters who claim dependency upon an enlisted man. Their eligibility for benefits as Class B or Class B-1 dependents will be determined by this information. Class B-1 dependents, who look to the serviceman for more than one-half of their support, are entitled to receive higher amounts than those in Class B, who are dependent upon the serviceman for less than one-half of their support.

No Interruption

"There will be no interruption to the regular monthly mailing of

checks, even though the volume of our work has been so greatly increased," said General Gilbert.

"We know well that family allowances have meant much to the contentment and well-being of our soldiers' families. They have been a major factor in the high morale of our fighting men. The increased amounts, which will help to give greater protection against want and insecurity, will heighten that morale."

Less Than 2 Per Cent of Wounded In Pacific Die

WASHINGTON—Mortality of less than two per cent among wounded American soldiers in Pacific areas, due to excellent medical care, was reported on the Army Hour radio broadcast Sunday afternoon by the Honorable Robert P. Patterson, Under Secretary of War, who recently returned from a 30,000-mile trip by air to Hawaii, the Fiji Islands, Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea and Guadalcanal.

Under Secretary Patterson credited the low mortality rate among wounded men to the availability of blood plasma, sulfa drugs, atabrine and other malaria control measures, air evacuation of wounded men, superb surgery and the skill of medical officers who work often 17, 18 and 19 hours at a stretch.

"I saw one flier who had broken almost every bone in his body in a plane crash," said Under Secretary Patterson, "and at the time I was there he was not only able to walk through the corridors, but he could do a very capable buck and wing."

Turkey Promised For Thanksgiving

WASHINGTON—You're going to get turkey for Thanksgiving, the War Department assured men and women of the Army this week.

The Thanksgiving menu served within continental United States will include the traditional courses familiar to Americans with turkey and such trimmings as cranberry sauce, assorted pickles, pumpkin pie, dressing, nuts, and candy.

Army personnel overseas will be served the same menu so far as operating conditions will permit.

The menu announced for the troops follows:

Fruit cup
Roast turkey, dressing, gravy
Cranberry sauce
Mashed potatoes
Buttered peas
Corn
Tomato and lettuce salad
Celery
Assorted pickles
Pumpkin pie
Apples, grapes, candy, nuts
Coffee.

Honor Sergeant in First Battery to Fire on Japs

WASHINGTON—The acting first sergeant of the battery which delivered "the first effective antiaircraft fire of the Army in the present war" in the defense of the Hawaiian Islands Dec. 7, 1941, and brought down two attacking Japanese planes has been awarded the Legion of Merit.

Second Lt. Max L. Wright, then a sergeant, is the recipient of the decoration. With defense installations under fire, Sergeant Wright coolly and rapidly reassembled gun parts which were being worked on, and got each gun into action.

"There will be no interruption to the regular monthly mailing of



LT. GEN. GEORGE S. PATTON, Jr., cuts victory cake, baked on the occasion of the victory of General Patton's Seventh Army in Sicily. Left is Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Keys, Deputy Commander of the Seventh Army. Col. Paddy Flinn, commanding officer of a regiment in the Ninth Infantry Division, is seated at right.

—Signal Corps Photo

Less Stress on Jumping In Paratroop School

FORT BENNING, Ga.—The specialized training of the Parachute School here, which was activated in May, 1942, has been expanded in scope, improved in quality and made much more realistic in the 18 months of the school's history.

Notably jumping, which was formerly the main reason for the school, has been de-emphasized, and now much greater stress is put on ground tactics. The students must be good doughboys as well as men who are not afraid to leap from a speeding plane from 800 feet above the earth.

To qualify today the paratrooper doesn't leap above some nice-looking field. He must bail out over rough, scrub country or even woods. And he must also jump at night.

In the school's 18 months of history more than 216,000 jumps have been made. And in these there have been only eight fatalities.

The school presents a four-week course, divided into four progressive stages. In the first week the men get tumbling and physical conditioning. In the second they train on special ground apparatus in the technique of jumping. The third week they train on the four 250-foot parachute towers here. And in the fourth week they do their five qualifying jumps from planes.

The first two jumps are made over the smooth stretches of Lawson Field. The last three are "tactical" and are made under conditions the men are likely to meet in combat.

Run to Beat Hitler

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—They are on the run to meet Hitler and partner at Headquarters Company 20th Armored Division.

As part of their physical training to get in shape for the "big fight" with the Axis, Headquarters Company soldiers are required to run 5 miles a day, three days a week, a total of 15 miles a week.

The training program is under the direction of Capt. Nicholas Marchuck, company commander.

Mechanized? Even Tanks Ride to Battle

WASHINGTON—Even the tanks ride to battle in the mechanized army of today.

The War Department described to the public this week its huge vehicles, 58 feet long and weighing more than 40 tons, which carry armored vehicles to the front lines and remove disabled ones from the battlefield. They have proved invaluable in Mediterranean and Southwest Pacific battle areas, it was said.

These tank transports enable tanks to enter action with full fuel tanks and cool motors.

Each vehicle is armed to protect itself from enemy ground and air attacks and carries enough ammunition and rations for its crew to operate on its own for days.

The carrier has the most powerful gasoline engine ever developed for this type of work and it will operate efficiently on the varying grades of fuel available in battle areas.

Its series of transmissions give it such a range of speed and power that it can climb hills too steep for present heavy motor trucks and cross all types of rough terrain.

Puncture-proof tires are the height of a man and a tire and wheel weigh 900 pounds.

The vehicles are in mass production.

Bayne-Jones Heads Typhus Commission

WASHINGTON—Appointment of Col. Stanhope Bayne-Jones, Medical Corps, Army of the United States, as director of the United States of America Typhus Commission was announced this week by the War Department.

Colonel Bayne-Jones succeeds Brig. Gen. Leon A. Fox, United States Army, who asked to be relieved as Director and appointed Field Director in order to give all of his time to the field work of the commission, which has been operating abroad, particularly in the Middle East, since the first of this year.

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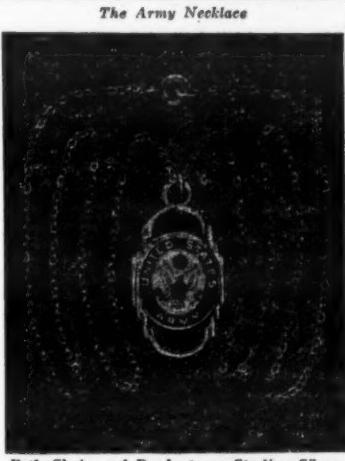
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5th Armoured GI's Get Taste Of Mustard—the Real Gas

PINE CAMP, N. Y.—Although American troops have not yet encountered gas in combat, Fifth Armored Division men will be well prepared should the Axis resort to that form of warfare.

The soldiers get intimately acquainted with the deadly, burning mustard gas by walking through an area spread with it, decontaminating a vehicle, a room and ground

areas sprayed with it, then having the vesicant applied to their skin so that they may learn to remove it without injury.

Real Gas Used

Like other phases of the division's chemical warfare training, this Gas Experiencing Course teaches the men to handle themselves properly in the event of a gas attack, and this phase is particularly designed

to dispel fear of the gases they may have to face in combat. Actual mustard gas is used throughout the course.

The series of demonstrations is being conducted by Maj. Fitzhugh Moore, division chemical officer, and his staff, for all members of the division. The men are also subjected to smoke and tear gas during the course of the half day each company spends in the chemical warfare area of the reservation. They also watch the explosion of white phosphorus.

An old caisson, once drawn by horses but now discarded by a mechanized Army, does its part in the demonstration. Daily it gets a shower of mustard gas, then a bath of decontaminating agent.

Detect Presence of Gas

Here methods of detecting the presence of chemical agents are demonstrated. The men actually see the immediate reaction of gas on detector paint and paper. After decontamination, the thoroughness of the job is checked by use of a third indicator—the detector crayon.

A mock-up room, its walls and floors contaminated with the liquid, is brushed with a chloride of lime slurry, then washed off so that the corrosive residue is removed. Shell holes and ground surfaces are made safe with chloride of lime and earth for the training of the men.

With the same chemical the men treat their shoes before entering an area some twenty-five yards long which has been contaminated with mustard. There they learn to recognize the oily liquid by sight and by its effect on the vegetation.

The men come into even more intimate contact with mustard. A small drop is placed on each man's skin—enough to cause a painful burn if allowed to remain. The soldier must treat it properly, by blotting it with cotton and applying M-4 ointment, or suffer the consequences—most likely, a large blister.

Through HC Smoke

Leaving the mustard gas demonstration, the men go through a cloud of HC smoke and a heavy concentration of tear gas. A few whose gas masks are carelessly adjusted learn to take greater pains with that article of equipment.

The course ends with a spectacular demonstration of white phosphorus. Much importance is attached to this part of the course for it shows the wide scattering of burning particles in a phosphorous smoke screen and it reminds the men that this agent, which already is used daily in the war, is a casualty agent as well as a screening smoke.



SGT. MICHAEL Cynoski, of the 22nd Armored Engineer Battalion, watches while Lt. Gus Cronheim, assistant 5th Armored Division Chemical Officer, removes a spot of liquid mustard gas that had been applied to his skin as part of the chemical warfare training being given every member of the division on its new Gas Experiencing Course.

—5th Armored Div. SSO Photo

See End of Tourniquet's Use With New Wound Dressing

PHILADELPHIA—With a new type dressing developed by an Army doctor, the time-honored tourniquet may be eliminated from use.

The dressing was demonstrated before the annual meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States here this week.

It is said that it can be used on wounds on any parts of the body and

can be easily applied by persons with limited training. It was developed after extensive research by Col. John L. Gallagher of the station hospital at Lincoln, Nebr.

Also demonstrated at the meeting was a new Navy battle dress which provides protection against flash burns, blast injuries, small fragments and splinters, and drowning.

More than 2000 Army, Navy and Air Corps surgeons, many of them just back from the front, attended the meeting and heard Lt. Gen. Sir Alexander Hood, director general of the British Army Medical Service, describe the contrast between the appearance of the wounded in this war and the last war as "remarkable." He compared "the pale, haggard, pain-ridden wounded man of the last war" with "the cheerful, healthy-looking casualty of this war," and attributed the change to the provision of facilities for blood and plasma transfusion in forward areas and the development of the sulfa drugs.

Col. P. H. Sperati New CO At San Luis Obispo

CAMP PICKETT, Va.—At a special retreat ceremony last week honor was given to Col. John D. Markey, post commander, who is retiring by reason of the age regulations.

Colonel Markey was Camp Pickett's first commanding officer. He served on the Mexican border and organized the 112th Machine Gun Battalion for World War I. He was its commanding officer during all its combat operations in France and for his leadership in the Meuse-Argonne offensive was awarded the Distinguished Service medal.

Wales Succeeds Finch As CO at Camp Barkeley

CAMP BARKEY, Tex.—The new commanding officer at this post, succeeding Col. Henry A. Finch, who has been retired under the age limit regulations, is Col. Victor W. B. Wales.

Colonel Wales graduated from the U. S. Military Academy in 1916 and has seen continuous service since receiving his commission. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff School and of the advanced course at the Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kan.

Explanation

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—A top-kick at Stewart has discovered a new name for it.

He sternly awakened a private encased in a blanket like a mummy, who had overslept, to meet the following explanation:

"Oh, I'm not sleeping—just lying here practicing camouflage."

For Nerve and Skull Injuries

'Miracle Metal' Boon to Surgeons

FORT HAYES, Ohio—To the array of "miracle drugs" used by the Army Medical Corps in restoring the health of wounded soldiers has been added a "miracle metal" which is a major factor in healing the victims of serious nerve and skull injuries.

This metal, known as tantalum, is extensively used by Army surgeons in the form of wire, plates, and foil in treating a wide variety of cases where shrapnel and bullets have ripped apart arm and leg nerves or caused the loss of portions of the skull and face.

Hardly See It

Tantalum wire that is so fine that it can hardly be seen is of tremendous value in the suturing of severed nerves, according to Army neurosurgeons who are treating wounded soldiers who have suffered peripheral nerve injuries—that is, injuries to nerves in the arms or legs.

The remarkable wire, use of which is mostly restricted to the Army, is far superior to catgut or silk in suturing nerves. Unlike catgut or silk, the wire suture is revealed in X-rays, thereby allowing continuous study of the progress of healing of the sutured nerves.

One of the great medical advantages of tantalum, a blue-gray, nonirritating metal known for its resistance to corrosion and chemical attack, is the fact that its use does not cause any foreign body reaction in the human system or lead to any harmful effects. It also results in finer sutures and it actually speeds the recovery processes.

Operation Described

These findings have been reported by surgeons at the recently dedicated Ashford General Hospital at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., which is one of a dozen Army hospitals that

have been designated as neurosurgical centers. Another one of these centers is at Nichols General Hospital, Louisville, Ky. Ashford and Nichols hospitals are both administered by the Army Service Forces and are Fifth Service Command installations.

Importance of the use of tantalum in the treatment of skull injuries is illustrated by a delicate operation performed at Ashford Hospital upon a 23-year-old soldier from an American Ranger unit who had suffered a compound fracture of the skull in a fall on shipboard during the invasion of North Africa.

In this operation, the chief of the Ashford neurosurgical section, Maj. Barnes Woodhall, attached a tantalum plate, .045 of an inch thick, over the section of the soldier's skull where pieces of bone and tissue had been removed by surgeons who first treated the patient. Tantalum wire was used in inserting the plate in the injured area.

Easily Shaped

Tantalum plates are easily shaped and molded and the plate required in this particular operation was three inches wide and four inches long. The operation took two hours, and, in the words of Major Woodhall, the soldier has now been restored to active duty "as good as new."

In addition to its use as skull plates and sheets contoured to fit facial areas where flesh and bone have been shot away, tantalum is used in the form of extremely thin foil. Such foil may replace sections of injured or lost dura, which is the thin membrane that separates the brain from the scalp, or it may be used as a protective sleeve or tube placed around a sutured nerve to prevent the constriction of the nerve by scar tissue.

Units Overseas Best Among Healthy Yanks

WASHINGTON—Excellent health in the American military forces, both in United States and overseas, was reported by the Office of War Information this week, on the basis of a survey of Army and Navy records.

The only disease which has reached epidemic proportions in the Army in continental United States was cerebro-spinal meningitis, and in this the death toll was low.

The situation was reported to be even better in units overseas, especially in regard to diseases for which vaccines have been developed. Malaria and dysentery have presented some serious problems in land combat conditions.

The Navy has had some trouble with infectious jaundice and also with filariasis, a parasitic inflammation of the glands which leads to elephantiasis.

The same situation as to health

was reported to exist in the Marine Corps, Coast Guard and the WACs, WAVES and SPARS.

An average of a little more than three per cent of Army personnel in United States was off duty because of sickness or non-battle injuries at any time during 1942. Abroad the rate was slightly lower, even including battle casualties. The Navy's corresponding rate stood at approximately two per cent in 1942, also a record low.

In venereal diseases the Army in the United States reported an average of 40 treated per year per thousand men, up to August 1 last, and the Navy an average of 30. If those who had been infected before induction were eliminated from the calculations, the Army's figures would stand at an all-time low of 25 treated per thousand men.



A MINIATURE .50 cal. machine gun, capable of being field stripped, is the handiwork of Pvt. Harold W. Schimmelpfeng, Jr., of Camp Callan, Calif. Complete with gun and mount, ammunition chest, hose and water chest, the model is a perfect replica of the real thing. Even more amazing, considering the model's perfection, is the fact that it was completed in three days and during spare hours. The inset shows the model field-stripped and against a one-foot ruler to portray its miniature size.

AGF: The Week's News of the Army Ground Forces Straight from Headquarters in Washington

HEADQUARTERS, AGF: Officers on duty at this Headquarters recently attended a showing of glider training films presented by the Glider Branch, Requirements Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments and Requirements, in the Army War College Auditorium. The films, accompanied by a short discussion of current equipment available and future possibilities of gliders in warfare, included showings of gliders and paratroop technique, the new Bowwing glider and combat pictures from Sicily, Tunis and Crete.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE TRAINING CENTER: has prepared instructional kits on the subject of "Elementary Photo Interpretation" which may be borrowed for a period of 20 days and are suitable for a class of 30 students, according to information released at this Headquarters. Requests for kits must be submitted 30 days in advance by separate regiments, groups, brigades, divisions or corresponding units direct to Military Intelligence Center, Camp Ritchie, Maryland.

The following officers on duty at this Headquarters have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel from Major: Robert E. Benjamin, Finance Department; Roy C. Flanagan, Infantry; LeRoy C. Gilbert, Corps of Engineers; Ed V. Hungerford, Jr., Coast Artillery Corps; Harold H. Rodecker, Quartermaster Corps; John H. Sailors, Infantry; and Jack Weske, General Staff Corps.

ARMORED COMMAND: The II, III and IV Armored Corps have been redesignated as XVIII, XIX and XX Corps, respectively, giving added emphasis to the combined-arms training program. The tank-infantry team, it was revealed, has proven highly successful in the Mediterranean Theater. The XVIII Corps is commanded by Major General William H. H. Morris, Jr.; the XIX Corps by Major General Willard D. Crittenden; and the XX Corps by Major General Walton H. Walker.

Major General Alvan C. Gillem, Jr., Commanding General of the Armored Command, announced that Major Claire S. Beebe has been named Judge Advocate General as

head of the first staff judge advocate's section to be included in the Armored Command.

Men of the 5th Armored Division are receiving intensive training in defense against poison gas. The men walk through an area spread with mustard gas, decontaminate a vehicle and have the vesicant applied to their skin so that they may learn to remove it before suffering injury.

Two enlisted men of the 10th Armored Division have been awarded the Soldier's Medal for acts of heroism while the division was on maneuvers. The medal was granted posthumously to Staff Sergeant Edward J. Zalewski, of Headquarters Detachments, Combat Command "A," who lost his life in an attempt to rescue a drowning soldier. The second award went to Technician Fourth Grade Raymond A. Craig, of the 420th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, who plugged a tank fuel vent to prevent spread of a fire although his clothes were in flames.

At Fort Knox, Kentucky, the Silver Star and Purple Heart were awarded posthumously to Technician Fifth Grade William V. Rayburn for gallantry in tank action in North Africa. The awards were presented in a ceremony to his mother, Mrs. Thelma Rice, of Barlow, Kentucky, by Major General Charles L. Scott, commander of the Armored Replacement Training Center. While under heavy enemy fire, Rayburn secured gasoline from a burning fuel dump to keep his tank in action.

At Pine Camp, New York, the Silver Star for gallantry in action was awarded posthumously to First Lieutenant Robert E. Genant who fought with the 1st Armored Division in North Africa. The presentation to the officer's parents was made by Major General Lunsford E. Oliver, commanding general of the 5th Armored Division.

ANTIAIRCRAFT COMMAND: Recently returned to the United States from the South Pacific Theater, Lieutenant Colonel Harry S. Tubbs, Coast Artillery Corps, visited Headquarters, Antiaircraft Command, last week, reporting to Major General Joseph A. Green, Commanding General of the Antiaircraft Command, on antiaircraft matters in that area. Col-

nel Tubbs served in the South Pacific as antiaircraft officer on Lieutenant General Millard F. Harmon's staff.

Officers assigned to duty at this Headquarters recently included Captain Jesse B. Rawls, Jr., Coast Artillery Corps, and Captain Julia M. Kerby, Women's Army Corps. Captain Rawls, who served with an antiaircraft artillery brigade at the Antiaircraft Artillery Training Center, Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, before coming to Headquarters, Antiaircraft Command, has been assigned to the Operations and Training Section. Captain Kerby, the second Women's Army Corps public relations officer for the 2nd Service Command, has been assigned to the Personnel Section.

Brigadier General Samuel L. McCroskey and his executive officer, Lieutenant Colonel Thomas McG. Metz, Coast Artillery Corps, visited this Headquarters recently. General McCroskey discussed aspects of the advanced training in which his antiaircraft artillery brigade is now participating with elements of the Army Air Forces.

THIRD ARMY: Posthumous award of the Legion of Merit to Lieutenant Colonel Felix Todd, of San Antonio, Texas, has been made to his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth N. Todd, of 527 E. Evergreen Street, by Lieutenant General Courtney H. Hodges, Third Army commander, in behalf of the War Department.

Colonel Todd was killed in a plane crash in June, was decorated for organizing the system of instruction at the Infantry Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia, and for formulating training technique for Army Ground Force infantry units.

Colonel Todd's children, Alex and Ellen, attended the ceremony in General Hodges' office at the Quadrangle, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, together with Mrs. Todd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam G. Newton, and her sister, Mrs. Albert King, all of San Antonio. Following is the citation awarding the decoration, which was read by Brigadier General George A. Davis, chief of staff of the Third Army.

"...for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. During the period July 1, 1941, to July 25, 1942, Lieutenant Colonel Todd was instrumental in organizing and executing the system of instruction in the Infantry Officer Candidate School which was used as an example by other service schools. (He) displayed outstanding ability and initiative in the accomplishment of his mission during his service as an instructor in the Officer Candidate School. As assistant to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Army Ground Forces, for approximately one year (he), materially assisted in formulating training techniques for ground force infantry units. His entire service was marked with accomplishment which did credit to himself and his country."



"HOW ABOUT a three-day pass, Sarge?" Pvt. Sam Wong, former circus contortionist, has his own way of asking favors. A member of Co. D, 57th Bn., at the Medical Replacement Training Center, Camp Barkerley, Texas, Wong is shown heckling 1st/Sgt. Benny Higgins. The top-kick decided that Wong was too wrapped up in his work to leave.

Device Designed at Sill Tests Driver's Reactions

FORT SILL, Okla.—A new driver reaction testing machine that accurately measures driver response to visual stimuli of both light and motion, and will save much lumber consumed in the use of the old stroboscopic type of machine has been designed, constructed and standardized in the Classification testing and interviewing section at the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center. Used in driver's aptitude tests the new machine tests a potential driver in a seat behind a steering wheel and instrument panel, using a brake pedal to stop the sliding board released by the operator.

When a green light on the dash board flashes red, the man being tested removes his foot from the ac-

celerator pedal and applies it to the brake. A scale on the operator's side of the panel accurately measures the response.

An additional advantage of the new testing device is the fact that it will save three board feet of lumber per week for each of the older type sliding board testing machines it replaces, according to Sgt. Harry P. Westphal, Chicago, who in collaboration with the testing and interviewing section, built the machine in the Center Utilities shop.

It is employed with such other devices in the driver's aptitude tests as equipment to determine field of vision, depth perception and glare recovery. Vision is also checked with the conventional examining charts and for color perception.

Cyclone Mose



Private Eightball



Private Van Dorn



Cpl. Grover Page, Jr., Camp Livingston, La.



Cpl. Lin Streeter, Fort Dix, N. J.



Robbie, 99th Infantry Division, Camp Van Dorn, Miss.



Col. Howard M. Estes Is Assigned to Devens

CAMP DEVENS, Mass.—Col. Howard M. Estes, who has been commanding officer of the Provisional Military Police Command for the First Service Command, has been assigned as commanding officer of this post.

Colonel Estes commanded the 83rd Field Artillery in France during World War I and after the armistice served as executive officer for the port of Brest. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff School and the Army War College, and has served on the War Department General Staff and as executive officer to the Chief of Cavalry.

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McClellan Cycle, Crusading Post Paper, Gets Jobs Done

By Cpl. William R. Frye
Special to Army Times

FORT McCLELLAN, Ala.—Selling GI's on such virtues as saving water, buying bonds, and wearing dog tags is a hobby with the editors of the Fort McClellan Cycle—a hobby which officials say has paid the fort big dividends in money, time, morale, and training efficiency.

Top Army officers here credit their crusading weekly newspaper, published for and by the men of the Infantry Replacement Training Center, with ability to convince men of McClellan to do pretty nearly anything headquarters thinks is necessary, right down to foregoing necking in the Service Club parlor.

Editors Enjoy It

And confidentially, the editors get quite a kick out of the crusades, too.

Armed with 60-point banner headlines, supported in the attack by cartoons and contests, the Cycle has—during the past year—launched drives in these theaters of the local McClellan war on negligence and waste:

1. Water conservation. The Cycle set out to popularize more careful use of dwindling water supplies at the fort, and GIs responded by cutting consumption 160,000 gallons a day. A pin-up girl, "Miss Water Vane," did the trick.

2. Dog tag wearing. To jog soldiers' memories, the staff "dog tag man" made weekly tours about the fort with \$25 in war stamps which he was willing to divide among five men. Surprising GI's on KP, at the movies, and sitting alone with girls, he asked to see the tags—and denied them the \$5 if they couldn't produce them. By the end of the campaign, they all could.

Promote Food Conservation

3. Food conservation. Joining in the country-wide Army drive, the Cycle helped instill the fear of heaven into the hearts of fort mess sergeants, until they didn't dare waste an apple peeling. The men who bought the fort garbage complained publicly they weren't getting enough to keep their hogs from starvation.

4. Transportation log-jams. The Cycle's Jeep-o campaign, designed to popularize the giving of rides to soldiers and thus make it easier to get to town on off moments, was taken up by the Kiwanis Club and spread into 40 different states and scores of other Army camps. Thousands of autos bear the Jeep-o sticker and are picking up GIs at designated Jeep-o (depot) stops.

5. Bond buying and charity. During the recent Third War Loan Drive, the Cycle helped sell \$313,500 worth of War Bonds and Stamps to men here, and sign them up for monthly pay allotments totaling more than 10 per cent of the fort payroll. Last November and December, in the first War Chest Campaign ever conducted at a United States Army post, the newspaper helped inspire McClellan men to give more than \$36,000.

Always Something Doing

Those were some of the big jobs the Cycle undertook. The paper nearly always has something else boiling in addition. Right now it is trying to cut down the already small number of AWOLs by printing an honor list of companies whose personnel have been "all present and accounted for" since the first of October. Special honors will be accorded the units still on the list Jan. 1, 1944.

The job of tactfully discouraging too ardent love-making in the Service Club parlor was done with typical good humor.

"Necking is here to stay," the paper acknowledged in a story under the headline: "Dan Cupid Barred From Service Club." "But the Army adopts the reasonable stand that affairs-de-coeur are not included in the training schedule, and that the Service Club recreation program shall go forward untroubled by Ol' Debbil Seeks. (Sex—ed.)

"So, while the devil-may-care still dart occasional amorous glances across breaded veal cutlets in the chronium-pipe precincts of the Club cafeteria, or permit their fingers to touch ever so briefly as they pass the double chocolate marshmallow sundaes in the soda fountain, more personal demonstrations are met with a tap on the shoulder and a whispered 'nix' from the hostess."

Happy Approach

The Cycle's approach is usually just that happy-go-lucky. To sell water conservation, the Cycle staff, which consists of S/Sgt. Dick Linehan, editor, Cpl. A. M. Halpern, Cpl. William R. Frye, and Pfc. Robert A. Harris, assistant editors, called on their top-notch cartoonist, Sgt. John Spranger, for an idea.

Miss Water Vane, McClellan pin-up girl of the year, was the result.

Put yourself in the place of a soldier training during July in scorching hot Alabama. You come from a 10-mile hike—sweating, grimy, longing for a good long shower. You flop down on your bunk, pick up the camp newspaper, and read that officials want you to cut down on the use of water.

It's just such situations that exhaust even a seasoned soldier's vocabulary.

But wait a minute? Who's that luscious gal with the invisible bathing suit there in the corner? Miss Water Vane, huh? That tank of water she's standing in represents the amount we're using every day. For the time being, it is covering her up just a little bit too much for our own good. If we cut down on water usage, the level drops . . . Yea, I get it. Not bad . . .

Cuts Shower Short

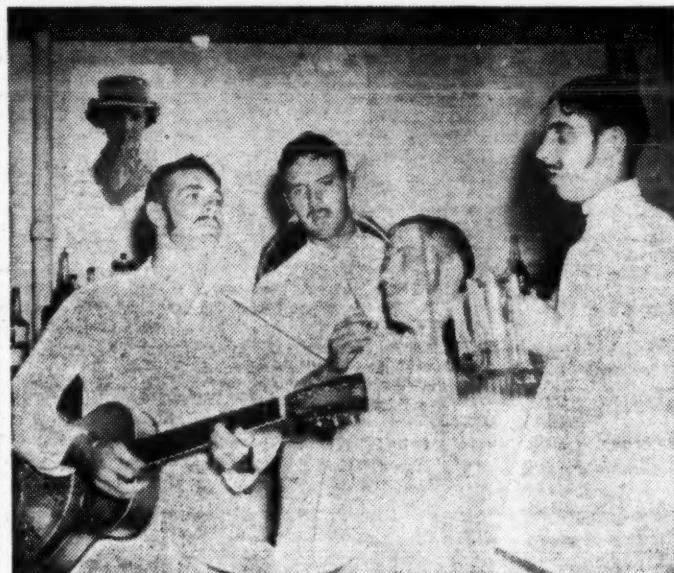
Well, the guy reading the paper doesn't forego his shower, but he does make it short—just long enough to get clean—and he does make darn sure the faucet is turned off tightly when he gets through. So do thousands of other GIs who are also interested in Miss Water Vane, and her picture becomes a pin-up favorite in latrines and huts all over

the fort.

During most of July, August, and September, in the hottest part of the Alabama summer, the Cycle printed Miss Vane's shapely outline each week. Weekly prize contests elicited water-saving suggestions from GIs. And officials who had been genuinely concerned about near-dry reservoirs began to breathe more easily. Daily consumption, which in other summers had increased, fell off steadily, until at the end of the 10-week campaign, the saving was 160,000 gallons a day.

Somehow the Cycle seems to get what it goes after. Stories, cartoons, and editorials have helped to make McClellan what visiting officers call "the salutin'est place" they ever have seen. It's the same way selling GI insurance, getting volunteers for the paratroops, or just convincing trainees not to put hand grenades into first class mail. Even the "Agony Column" of classified ads is a success. It sells automobiles, finds lost puppies, locates apartments in Anniston, and once found for a WAC officer a man willing to drive her car and her family from Los Angeles, Calif., to Fort McClellan.

That's the kind of thing that puts the spice of variety into the lives of Army newspaper editors.



BACK WHEN father was a boy, this would have been a familiar scene. That was when the Police Gazette and long sideburns were the rage at the shop with the striped sign. And now with the Camp Davis Quartet contest at its height, these four men of the 411th have resumed garb just to make it legit. Winners of the Costume Prize, they took second place in the swing-fest. Left to right: Francis May, Donald Vollner, Calvin Mumma, and Robert Dunn.

—Signal Corps Photo

Red Cross to Send Stork Messages Overseas

WASHINGTON—Birth announcements may be sent to servicemen through the facilities of the American Red Cross home service, where regular expeditionary force (EFM) message service is not available, Red Cross announced this week.

If commercial channels for communication are open through EFM service but a family is unable to pay the cost of the message, local Red Cross chapters are authorized to assume the expense. Information regarding points to which EFM messages may be sent may be obtained from local chapters of Red Cross or from local telegraph offices.

At Home in Army

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—The fact that he "found a home in the Army" is not denied, but rather confirmed by the actions of Cpl. Salem Abou Nader, old Regular Army veteran of Headquarters detachment, Station Complement here.

The corporal created quite a sensation when he suddenly appeared in camp on the eighth day of his scheduled 15-day furlough. When asked to give a reason for this, the old soldier said that "things were moving too fast on the home front—he felt safer in Camp Gordon Johnston.

designations to official correspondence.

Now in its second year, the Panama Battalion is getting a modern military training program, including infantry marches, problems, and marksmanship.

One company is taken from each of four leading Panama schools—Instituto Nacional, Artes y Oficios, La Salle and Instituto Pan-American. Students volunteer for the training, but once they're in, they're members of a 108-man company for the entire school term.

Mobile Force recently issued them complete uniforms, from hats to shoes, in addition to infantry packs and miscellaneous equipment. The Panama Ministry of Education gave each trainee credit slips on local tailors, and individual uniforms were cut to fit. Only variance with the

Dope on Mailing Overseas Christmas Gift Packages

WASHINGTON—The deadline for mailing Christmas packages to GI's overseas has passed, but the War Department and the Post Office are going to do their best to see that no one is disappointed.

Packages which have been returned to the sender because of an improper address still may be mailed, the War Department announced this week. The original wrapper, bearing the indorsement, "Return to Sender, Insufficient Address," must be submitted with the correctly addressed package to prove that the package originally was mailed before the Oct. 15 deadline.

Directory Use Abandoned

The War Department also announced that Christmas packages may be mailed to soldiers going overseas between now and Christmas. When the sender presents his package to the post office for mailing he must bring the change of address form containing the APO address to which the package is being sent.

Usually the War Department uses directories to locate soldiers to whom mail has been improperly addressed.

But the volume of Christmas mail and the volume of improperly addressed mail has made it impossible to continue this.

More than 20,000,000 individual pieces of mail now are being dispatched overseas each week, exclusive of Christmas mail, and 13 percent of this is improperly addressed.

In the future all mail, including official mail, which is insufficiently addressed will be returned to the sender.

Model Given

Personnel overseas have been instructed concerning the new procedure. Overseas mail for all soldiers except those traveling individually and not as part of a military unit should be addressed so as always to include the soldier's full name (including middle initial), grade, serial number, service organization and unit, and the Port of Embarkation post office.

The following model shows the correct way to address overseas mail:

Pvt. John K. Doe, 32,000,002,
Company F, 167th Infantry
APO 309 c/o Postmaster,
New York, N. Y.

Despite 20 to 1 Odds Italians Bring 'Em In

WASHINGTON—How an Italian major, with 21 other Italian soldiers, brought 433 German prisoners from the island of Corfu across the Adriatic Sea to Italy and Allied hands was revealed this week in a report to the War Department.

The Italian officer, Maj. Luigi Ottino, also brought an account of

We Can't Stand Still, Wogan Says

CAMP BEALE, Calif.—"Nothing is static in this fast-moving world. We cannot stand still. We must either go forward or we go backward. We either progress or we degenerate. Much as we have accomplished there remains much to be done. We know we are good, but we must become better. We know we are tough, but we must become tougher. We know we can shoot, but we must learn to shoot straighter and make every bullet find the enemy's guts. We know we have done our job well, but we must strive to do it not well, but perfectly."

So spoke Maj. Gen. John B. Wogan, commanding general of Camp Beale's 13th Armored Division at ceremonies commemorating the first anniversary of the activation of the division.

In stirring rhythm thousands of Black Cat soldiers marched in dismounted review before the general, his staff, and other reviewing officers. Surrounding the parade ground were an estimated 10,000 persons, including thousands of civilian guests and post and corps troops.

Troops on Maneuvers See Soldier Minstrel

LOUISIANA MANEUVERS—The 26th Special Service Company presented "Bring Back Those Minstrels Days," a production simulating the old-time blackface program, before a crowd of highly-appreciative soldiers in the maneuver area last week.

The numbers included solos and chorus, tap routine and band selections by a 14-piece outfit. The Service Company has under rehearsal two other shows, one a musical comedy "Doughboy in the Dark," and a musical revue, "Hurry Up and Waltz," which will be given on other occasions.

the fighting between Italian and German troops on Corfu, which was one of the earliest instances of organized combat between Italians and Germans.

The island of Corfu, off the coast of Albania, was occupied by combined German-Italian forces. On September 9, when the Italian officers on the island heard of Italy's unconditional surrender, they faced a difficult situation. The following day orders were issued by the Germans, through the Athens radio, that the Italians must give up their arms. This was a German attempt to halt any possible Italian resistance.

At about the same time a German major from Greece arrived on the island with an order that the Italians must surrender their arms by the next day. While the German edict was being considered, the Italian received orders from the Commander of the Italian Army in an Italian port instructing them to resist the Germans. Accordingly, the next day, the Germans were informed that any attempt to enforce the ultimatum would be met with force.

Meanwhile, German troops were preparing to carry out their orders with well-placed machine gun nests and field batteries. This brought about an immediate attack by the Italians. Weak resistance was overcome by them, and most of the German force was captured.

In the following ten days, other German forces bombed and fired on the island repeatedly in an attempt to retake it. As strong German units were approaching, Major Ottino received orders from the Italian command to proceed to an Italian port, taking the captured German prisoners.

With only one officer and 20 Italian soldiers, Major Ottino left Corfu in two open fishing boats with 433 prisoners. During the two-day journey across the Adriatic Sea, the Germans caused no trouble and worked the pumps to keep the boats afloat. After arriving in Italy, Major Ottino learned that the Italian forces remaining in Corfu had been defeated and 5,000 Italian officers and men had been captured and held by the Germans as "traitors."

The 433 Germans captured by Major Ottino now are prisoners of war in Italy.

Yanks Train Future Officers of Panama Republic

QUARRY HEIGHTS, Canal Zone—Three Mobile Force GI's from Puerto Rico are mixing the old infantry squads drill, the "Monkey Drill," and the "Queen Ann's Manual" to make officer material for the Republic of Panama's preparedness program.

Students of four Panama schools, marching to the cadence called by the Spanish-speaking staff sergeants, are learning basic infantry drills, weapons, and tactics as part of their regular scholastic education, following a program used to train reserve officers in the United States.

Officially, the group has the imposing title of "The First Battalion of the Isthmus." Yanks, foreseeing the number of times the name would be repeated, cut it to the simple "Panama Battalion" and let it go at that, leaving the more elaborate

regulation khaki of the United States soldier is the black tie.

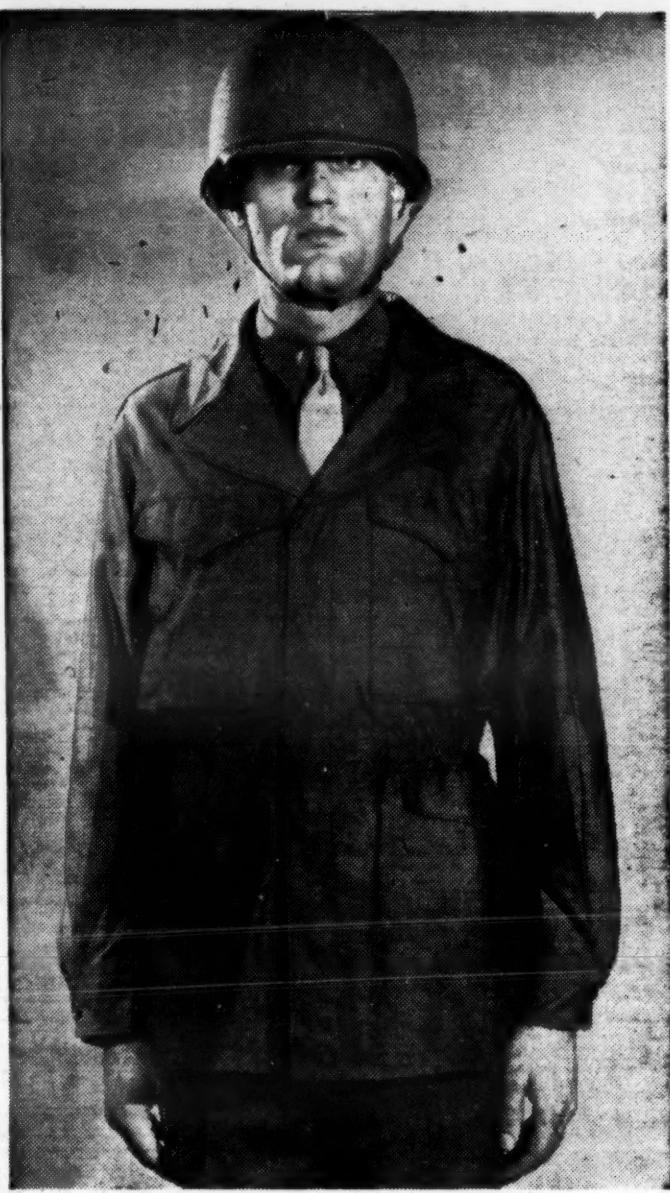
Student non-commissioned officers wear marine chevrons and the student officers wear the same insignia as that worn by ROTC students in the States.

Arizonaans Teach

The battalion was formed last year through Mobile Force cooperation with the Panamanian government. First instructors were three Spanish-speaking sergeants from Arizona, Maria Trujillo, Raul Gomez and Rolando Lugo, who are now somewhere in the Southwest Pacific in jungle combat. In charge of training for this year's group under Capt. Jose A. Davila are S/Sgts. Gustavo Diaz, Pedro Torres and Generoso Santiago—three Puerto Rican Regular Army soldiers with a total of more than 75 years in the service.

The hardest part of the training program, according to the instructors, has not been teaching the Panamanians, who learn readily, but working out a system of commands. Despite their long periods of service with troops from Puerto Rico, none of the sergeants had ever given one of the manual commands in Spanish.

For the Panamanian trainees, most of the marching commands were translated last year by Capt. Angel F. Espada, also from Puerto Rico and his assistants when they organized the battalion in cooperation with the Panama government. This year's instructors streamlined the orders and added others. Although the men occasionally forget, they have adapted themselves to the new method of giving commands, and march their companies to the cadence of "Una, dos, tres, cuatro."



THE NEW ARMY FIELD JACKET
Changes increase its wearing qualities

Advice from Front Followed In Redesigning Field Jacket

PHILADELPHIA—The new Army field jacket, known by the Quartermaster as "Jacket, Field, M-1943," was developed at the Quartermaster depot here from suggestions from the fighting fronts and from sources in

private industry. It has been submitted to exhaustive field tests and it is believed will be found far superior to the present jacket. The modifications and changes are so numerous that it is practically a new jacket.

The jacket has a nine-ounce durable water-repellent and wind-resistant outer shell of cotton sateen, with the reversed side out to increase its wearing qualities. The wool lining, formerly used, has been replaced with a five-ounce cotton poplin lining, thus releasing wool for civilian use.

In addition, all buttons on the new jacket are covered with flaps, which will prevent catching on objects or brush during field use. The inside of the jacket is equipped with cord that permits it to be drawn tight at the waist to shut out the cold. The slide fastener used on the present jacket has been eliminated and the two slit-pockets have been replaced with four large, flapped, extension pockets, capable of carrying a great deal of the soldier's equipment. The new jacket is slightly heavier than the present one and will give increased protection in all types of weather.

Signal Detachment Praised by British

WASHINGTON — Commendation for the Signal Corps detachment which installed communications facilities at the Quebec Conference has been expressed by Field Marshal Sir John Dill, British Chief of Staff, in a letter to Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. Chief of Staff.

General Dill wrote: "I wonder if you would convey a word of thanks, on behalf of all of us, to those of the United States Signal Corps who were responsible for the excellent arrangements made for us at Quebec Communications, on which everything depended, were quite first class and we appreciate very much indeed the considerable effort which alone could have produced such efficient results."

The commendation has been forwarded by Major General Harry C. Ingles, Chief Signal Officer, to Fort Monmouth, N. J., where the Signal Corps detachment is stationed and where it will be inserted in the service records of Lt. Albert C. Vales and the twenty men of the Eastern Signal Corps Unit Training Center who installed the system.

Gunners' Tests Given Again

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—The old gunners' tests which have not been used in the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center here since Pearl Harbor are once more being given men of the 11th Regiment.

Trainees in the regiment will take the four-hour examinations, which are outlined in FM 6-125, during the 17th week of training. Believing that gunners' medals are obtainable for these tests as they are for experts with the rifle, officers are attempting to furnish them.

Tests are administered by a board of officers with four drawn from each battery. Trainees make a "dry run" on the guns following commands. Points are given for speed and accuracy. Only those trainees who qualify in preliminary tests given within their own battery are eligible for the final tests.

Before Pearl Harbor the tests were given to all artillerymen.

New Twist

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—A soldier in Central Signal Corps School here sent his commanding officer this telegram after the soldier had been AWOL two days:

"Dear Sir: Am taking a rest. Will be back 10-8-43. Sincerely."

Divides His Messages To Conquer His Enemy

WITH SECOND ARMY ON MANEUVERS, Somewhere in Tennessee—if "Divide and Conquer" works as well for Hitler, it ought to work for us, figures Maj. Laurence E. Wilson, liaison officer at a Red Infantry division on maneuvers.

Recently two carrier pigeons totaling messages from Maj. Wilson have been intercepted by the enemy, who gained valuable information thereby. This week the "Divide and Conquer" business was tried. Major Wilson sent each piece by separate pigeon.

Fit-to-Fight Course Makes GI's Just That

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Every soldier of the 20th Armored Division must be "fit to fight."

To assure that every soldier reaches his peak of physical development, the division established the fit-to-fight test course which has gone a long way to eliminate physically weak links in this fighting chain.

The fit-to-fight course is geared to build up soldiers who have been found physically below average. Although it contains a rigorous obstacle course and other tough physical conditioners, the course is directed by trained officers and non-commissioned officers to harden soldiers gradually.

Hardens Muscles

Since its inception, scores of soldiers have marched to the conditioning area in anything but fighting condition—short of wind, tubby about the middle, soft muscles and poor coordination. Four to eight weeks later, the same men march away with a confident spring in their steps. They have been developed by daily work-outs so that they are ready to join their fighting buddies in any physical endeavor.

Under the direction of the 20th Division's Reserve Command, the course is run by Lt. Col. B. Greengard, a former University of Illinois athlete.

The lieutenant has returned to parent units 95 per cent of the men fit and ready to fight. The remaining men are found to have some disability incurable through conditioning.

A complete medical record is kept on each man entering the fit-to-fight course training. He is thoroughly examined by a medical officer before undergoing any exercises.

If a soldier shows inability to keep up with the planned progress of the course, he is again examined by a medical officer to learn if his exertions have uncovered a latent injury or malady.

Most Complete Course

However, most men complete the course. Features of the program are the obstacle course that includes a 30-foot landing net; such training devices as weights, climbing ropes, chin-up and sit-up bars, punching bags, tumbling pit, wrist weights, organized sports, road marches and endurance running.

The tempo of training on the apparatus is geared to the man's ability, pressure is applied only to keep him progressing. At the end of his special training, each soldier must successfully complete each event against time.

When he does, he again becomes a valuable soldier in Uncle Sam's Army, and proudly returns to his outfit.

Army, Civilian Lawyers Aid Wounded to Recover

WASHINGTON—How Army and civilian lawyers are aiding Army medical officers in bringing about the speedy recovery of wounded troops hospitalized in the United States was described in letters by Army hospital commanders made public this week by the War Department.

The lawyers provide free legal advice which clears up perplexing financial problems and other difficulties which may confront the soldier. This service, provided overseas as well as at home, gives the soldier the peace of mind which is necessary for proper response to medical treatment.

Statements of medical officers demonstrate the success of a plan for free legal assistance for all military personnel sponsored jointly by the War Department and the American Bar Association. The service was inaugurated in March, 1943.

Officers, Civilians Cooperate

Officers of the Judge Advocate General's Department and other Army officers who are lawyers carry on the work in cooperation with volunteer civilian lawyers designated by their State Bar Association Committee on War Work.

One of the letters telling how this free legal service has proved of direct medical value was written by Brig. Gen. O. H. Quade, U. S. Army, Commanding Officer of Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colo., who wrote the Judge Advocate General that:

"There are many cases in this hospital where the mental calm of the patient is an important and often times a necessary condition to recovery. A large number of these patients, at one time or another during their stay here, have problems calling for competent legal advice and assistance. The prompt and satisfactory handling of such matters is a great aid to early recovery of the patient."

Pointing out that the Hospital's Legal Assistance Officer not only interviews patients in his office, but makes the rounds of the wards counseling bed patients, General Quade concluded that this service is "helping this hospital achieve its primary objective, which is the recovery of its patients in a minimum of time."

A similar report from Winter General Hospital, Topeka, Kans., stated that hundreds of patients recently

Films for Airborne Troops Shot at Mackall

CAMP MACKALL, N. C.—The latest training films of airborne troops has just been completed at Astoria, L. I., studios of the Signal Corps under the technical direction of Maj. Paul H. Trotter Jr., publications officer of the Airborne Command.

The films were all "shot" at Camp Mackall and Laurinburg-Maxton Air Base and final editing and cutting were done at the Astoria Studios.

They covered various subjects essential in all airborne operations and included knots and lashings, loading of equipment, and flight training.

New Kinks

Another Method

A new method of achieving the results of penicillin, the wonder-working new drug, is reported by Science. Penicillin itself is a chemical secreted by the green mold of cheese, bread and other substances. Up to this time the production of the drug has been a highly-involved process. Now it has been discovered that by saturating layers of gauze with cheese-mold and applying this to wounds or infections, satisfactory results have followed. Again crude extracts of Penicillin, which are more readily obtainable than the purified substance, have been used with excellent results.

Following Disney

An idea borrowed from Walt Disney is being made use of at Camp Haan, Calif., in a new story-board lecture technique under development at the Visual Aids Section. Modelled after the Disney idea of preparing rough drawings to outline a cartoon story idea, the project will provide instructors with a series of cartoons to accompany lectures on aircraft tactics. The drawings, which run about 20 to each series, will be projected on a screen. With the drawings an occasional touch of humor is introduced, to take off the strain of continuous attention to technical details.

Tank-Busters

Britain's new "secret" tank-busting gun is now revealed to be a 17-pounder, capable of blowing the turret from a German tank at 1,500 yards. An official statement says it "is the complete answer to the German Tiger tank." The gun measures slightly more than 24 feet from the muzzle to end of trunnion and fires fixed ammunition shell and cartridge fitted together as with rifle ammunition. It has semiautomatic breech action, facilitating a high rate of fire.

Plastic Mines

Lt. Walter A. Reynolds who was with the first Coast Guard landing craft to enter Salerno harbor, tells of a new type of German land-mine encountered on the beaches. It is made almost entirely of plastic, to avoid electric mine-detectors. "The Germans had some of these mines in North Africa," Reynolds said. "But not until we got to Salerno did they use them effectively."

Prizes Sharpen Eyes

Big prize money sharpened the firing eyes of antiaircraft gun crews in the 845th Battalion at Camp Stewart, Ga., recently when batteries competed against each other in practice firing. Each officer and EM in the outfit put some money into a battalion fun to be used to pay off the winning gun crews. Money in the fun totalled several hundred dollars.



ESPECIALLY for joes who are shivering in their long johns and who have just redonne OD's, we present this picture of Doris Merrick, to remind you that when winter comes com spring be far behind?

For Eager Beavers --- A Slang Dictionary

Are you a Big John? Did your girl turn out to be a bluey woozy? Then you've many a profitable evening ahead studying this dictionary of GI slang, prepared by PRO, BTC 9, AAFC (now defunct) at Miami Beach, Fla. This is the final installment. We suggest you stow it in your ditty bag for future reference. Drawings are made by Cpl. Michael Berry and Cpl. Frederick W. Wright.

R
BACHEL—High gear (See Grandma).
RAIN ROOM—Bath house.
BAT RACE—Mounted review in Armored Force.
BATS—Balls of lint that suddenly appear on the floor during an inspection of quarters.
RANKED OUT—To be compelled to defer to a senior, as to be ranked out of quarters.
BAUNCHY—A name applied to anything that is in bad shape or dirty. (Air Corps).
RED LEAD—Catsup.
RED LEG—Artilleryman.
REFUGEES—Recruits or newly arrived seleetees.



SLOPCHUTE
Beer joint

REGIMENTAL MONKEY—The drum major.
REGULAR—A regular army soldier.
REMOUNT—Recruit or green horse.
RE-UP OR TAKE-ON—To re-enlist.
RIP-HO—Drill instructor's contraction of the command "To the Rear, March!"
RISE AND SHINE—Call used to awaken soldiers.
ROGER—Expression used instead of "Okay" or "Right."
ROLL UP YOUR FLAPS—Stop talking (Flying Cadets).
ROLLINGS—Cigarette tobacco.
RUN THE GUARD—Leave or enter camp furtively.
Bunt—Short cadet; opposite of "flanker" (West Point).

S
ST. VITUS DAVENPORT—A tank.
SAD SACK—A poor excuse for a soldier.
SAD LACK OF SITUATION—A sorry state of affairs.
SALVATE—To knock out.
SALVA—Butter.
SAND AND DIRT—Salt and pepper.
SAND-RAT—A soldier on duty in rifle pit at direct practice.
SARGE—Sergeant.
SAW-BONE—The doctor.
SCANDAL-SHEET—The monthly pay roll.
SCATTER GUN—Machine gun.
SCIVVIES—Underwear.
SCRIPT—Special orders.
SEA DADDY—Older man who takes a recruit in hand and teaches him.
SEA DUST—Salt.
SEAGULL—Chicken. Sunday fare and a swell meal.
SEA HAG—Ugly woman.
SEA LAWYER—No matter where you've been or what you've done, the sea lawyer has been there first and did it better.
SECOND GRADER—First or technical sergeant.
SECTION EIGHT—Insane or mentally deficient soldier.
SEE THE CHAPLAIN—Stop grousing.
SERUM—Intoxicating beverages.
SEVENTY-TWO—Three-day leave.
SEWER TROUT—White fish.
SHACK MAN—Married man.
SHACK RAT—Garrison soldier who has made a friend in the city and usually goes to town every night.
SHAVETAIL—A second lieutenant.
SHOOT—Go ahead and talk.
SHOOTING - THE - BREEZE—Talking things over.
SHORT CIRCUIT BETWEEN THE EAR PHONES—A mental lapse.
SHORTSTOP—Man who stops a platter of food from being passed to someone farther down the table.
SHORT TIMER—A soldier with a short time to serve before current enlistment is completed.
SHOTS—Inoculation.
SHOT GUN—Machine gun.

SHOVE OFF—Scram, beat it.
SHOW TENT—Motion picture theater.
SHUTTERS—Sleeping pills.
S.I.—Saturday inspection (West Point).
SICK BAY—Hospital dispensary.
SICK CALL—Hospital call.
SIDE ARMS—Cream and sugar.
SIDE MEAT—Well pleased.
SIDE SWIPE—Speed key on a transmitter.

SINKERS—Doughnuts.
SKAG—Cigarette (West Point).
SKIN—Same as "quill" (West Point).
SKIPPER—Company commander.
SKIRT PATROL—Search for feminine companionship.

SKY SCOUT—The chaplain.
SKYLARKING—Fooling around when there's work to be done.
SKY WINDER—Air corps man.
SKY WIRE—An antenna (Signal Corps).
SLAPPING IT ON—Finning a soldier for a petty offense.

SLIPPING THE CLUTCH—Talking or criticising.

SLOPCHUTE—Beer joint or other place that serves drinks.

SLUFF OFF—Same as fluff off.

SLUG—Special punishment for a serious offense; a disagreeable duty.

SLUM—Food.

SLUM BURNER—A cook.

SLUM-GULLION—Hash.

SMOKE-BLOWER—Modified form of ear banger.

SNAFU—Situation normal. All fouled up.

SNAKE PIT—Post exchange 3.2 beer tavern.

SNAP-IN—Practice for almost anything.

SNAP-TO—Come to attention.

SOAPSDUS ROW—NCO's living quarters and area—because their wives do own laundry.

SOFT MONEY—Paper currency.

SOIREE—Unwelcome task; also used as verb.

SOUND OFF—Command to speak up.

SOUP—Dynamite.

SOUP—Rain, Fog (Air Corps).

SPARKS—Ship radio operator (Signal Corps).

SPEC—To memorize (West Point).

SPECIAL DUTY—Soldiers used for special jobs: clerks, typists, etc.

SPIN IN—Go to bed or take a nap. (Air Corps).

SPIN IN A—Mentally unsettled (Air Corps).

SPIN ON—To fall down or to get excited (Air Corps).

SPOOKS—Women.

SPOOON UP—To clean up (West Point).

SPONY—Neat in appearance (West Point).

SQUARE FROM DELAWARE—Sad apple or a drip.

SQUARED AWAY—Another term for ship-shape.

STANDING LIGHTS—Lights left burning all night.

START TO SPOIL—Intoxicated.

STATIC AGITATORS—Radio students.

STEAM SHOVEL—Potato peeler.

STEP OUT—To hurry (West Point).

STREET MONKEYS—Members of band.

STRIKER—A soldier who works for an officer during his spare time, receiving pay.

STRICTLY CUT PLUG—Well pleased.

STRIPPE-HAPPY—State of delirium induced by vision of more chevrons.

SUGAR REPORT—A letter from girl.

SUMMARY—Summary court martial given for serious offenses.

SUPERMAN DRAWERS—Woolen underwear.



RED LEAD
Catsup

SWAB—To mop.

SWACKED—Intoxicated.

SWAMPED—Intoxicated.

SWANKS—A soldier's best clothes.

SWEATING—Anticipating.

SWEETHEART—Rifle.

SWILL—Beer.

T

TAILOR-MADE—Term applied to anything not issued by the government.

TAKE-OFF—To leave at a high rate of speed.

TARBUCKET—Full dress hat (West Point).

TARGET PASTE—Creamed chipped beef or gravy. Often served for breakfast.

TAXI UP—Come here (Air Corps).

TEAR 'EM OUT—Clash gears.

THIRD GRADER—Staff Sergeant.

THIRD STRIPE—Sergeant.

THROW THE BOOK—Give maximum

punishment.

TIE UP—To blunder (West Point).

TIGER—Keep your mouth shut.

TIGER MEAT—Beef.

TIN HAT—Steel helmet.

TOMMY GUN—A Thompson sub-machine gun.

TOOTHPICK VILLAGE—New type wooden barracks for selectees at Army posts.

TOP—First sergeant. The man with all the answers.

TOUGH ROW OF BUTTONS TO SHINE—Hard job.

TOPSIDE—Upstairs.

TURKSHEAD McGuirk—Man skilled in tying knots.

TURNBACK—Cadet dismissed and readmitted to lower class (West Point).

TURN 'EM OVER—Start engines.

TURNED IN—Reported for misconduct.

TWIST-A-DIZZY—Roll cigaret.

TWO STRIPE—Corporal.

TYPEWRITER—.30 caliber machine gun.

UNCLE SAM'S PARTY—Payday.

UP AND DOWN—To run.

WORMS—Spaghetti.

WAGON SOLDIERS—Field artillerymen.

WALKIE-TALKIE—Portable radio receiving and sending apparatus.

WAB SHOES—Heavy shoes.

WARD MAN—Hospital attendant.

WASH OUT—To be eliminated from flight training.

WASHING MACHINE—The flight commander's airplane.

WEATHER-KROCK—Meteorologist.

WEED—Cigaret.

WHITE DISCHARGE—Any form of discharge other than dishonorable.

WHOOFIN'—To tell an improbable yarn.

WIFE—Roommate (West Point).

WINDJAMMER—Bugler.

WOODEN—Dense, dull, slow (West Point).

WOOF WOOF—Battalion sergeant major (West Point).

WOOLIES—Winter clothing.

WRIT—An examination (West Point).

YEHUDI—The little man who cracks you on the back of the head with a mallet.

YEAR BIRD—A raw recruit.

YEARLING—Selected.

YELLOW LEGS—Cavalryman.

YOU'RE GIGGED—Means that one has been reported for violating a rule or regulation.

Z

ZOOM BAT—Funny looking.
ZOMBIE—Soldier who falls in next to lowest category in Army classification tests.

Behind The Counter

The eleven branch exchanges at Fort Austin, Va., sold over five million candy bars during the past year. Also between four and five million packs of cigarettes; six million bottles of soft drinks; one million bottles of beer. Total business was \$3,205,998.48. Maj. Walter P. Russell is exchange officer. How do these figures compare?

Noxon, Inc., Ozone Park, N. Y., offers big free sample of NOXON (shines metals brighter quicker) to post exchange, canteen officers, supply and mess sergeants. Kraft Cheese Co., 500 Peshtigo Court, Chicago, Ill., offers a free, helpful how-to-make-it-quick ice cream booklet, with special formulas . . . Maybe we should tell the mess sergeant . . . Anheuser-Busch, St. Louis, Mo., offers a book on "How to Handle and Serve Bottled and Draught Beers."

Mess officers are offered the Knox Quantity Serving Recipe Book free. Forty-eight pages of easy recipes for salads, desserts—write Knox Gelatine, Johnstown, N. Y. Also "Cheese Recipes for Service Men" is free from Kraft Cheese Co., see address above . . . Free sample kits of service and air-mail stationery are offered post exchanges by the Comfort Printing and Stationery Co., 107 North Eighth Street, St. Louis, Mo. . . Free samples of Kamp Kards are offered post exchanges from Stationers Specialty Co., 19 West 21st Street, New York, N. Y.

Kurtz Replaces Wagner As Clark Commander

FORT CLARK, Tex.—Col. L. A. Kurtz has assumed command of Fort Clark, replacing Col. O. Wagner. Colonel Kurtz has been commanding officer of Camp Swift, Tex. eye actuates a mechanism to eject the defective fuse.

But the Ordnance Department has improved on that setup. After every fourth fuse on the belt it puts one that it knows is bad. If the electronic eye fails to throw out the known bad ones, then the whole business is stopped until it can be learned why.

The device can test about 25,000 fuses in eight hours. The same insistence upon quality is maintained by the Army in all its purchases. Manufacturers do their own inspection, trying to get their stuff more perfect than military standards. Then the military inspectors take over and if a designated percentage of parts fails, the whole lot goes back to be done over.

WAC Bag Gives Up Its Secrets to Photog

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—It was just an unpretentious leather bag, hung by a strap across a WAC's shoulder, but it proved as spacious as a magician's black silk topper when its contents were emptied.

In all, 37 different articles were taken from the purse of Pfc. Ethel Falconer, a driver for the post motor pool. Itemized, the contents included two combs, three sticks of gum, two

nail files, a chain with an anchor, two lipsticks, safety pin, three bobby pins, a powder compact, a rouge compact, a pack of cigarettes, a money order receipt, two books of matches, a dog tag chain, a Kleenex tissue, two keys, three V-Mail letters, two theater tickets, a wallet, an address book, a notebook, a small bottle of nail polish, a letter, a paper cup, a written memo, two pictures, and a pencil.



FROM A WAC'S BAG
37 items in all

Army Rations Improve Steadily War by War

FORT MEADE, Md.—An exhibit at the Bakers and Cooks School here shows, in glass jars, American Army rations of different periods, from the time of the Revolution to the present. Behind each group of jars is a picture of an American soldier in the uniform of the time. It is notable that some of the earlier uniforms are much fancier than the rations which went with them.

The rations for 1775 comprised eight items, including half a pound of beef, half a pound of flour, six ounces of peas, slightly more than an ounce of rice and a pint of milk. Another item was a quart of spruce beer. In those days the soldier drew his rations uncooked. If he wanted bread he had to make it, just as he had to cook his other food over a camp fire.

Star Spangled Banter



"Sure, he's easy to get along with! But you oughta have to dig foxholes for him!"

Sgt. Bill Mauldin, 45th Division



The last match.

BOOKS

Aussie



"Say, mom, here comes pop. Don't tell him what time I got in last night!"

Army Quiz

1. What is the one place in the United States over which planes may not fly either during peace or war time?

A. Fort Knox, Ky., where the nation's gold and silver are stored.
B. The White House
C. The Florida keys?

2. If a soldier returned from the Mediterranean campaign spoke of Goumiers, would he be referring to—
A. African palm trees?
B. Asiatic hunting knives?
C. Native Morocco troops?

3. A woman who is in the service, such as a WAC, or a WAVES, must wear her uniform if she is being married.
True? False?

4. Army refer to "G-2"; Navy men to "N. N. I." Both refer to the same thing. What is it?

A. Second government issue?
B. Intelligence department?
C. New Navy issue?

5. What are balloon fenders?
A. Metal rods from the nose of a plane to the wings?
B. Wide fenders on a Signal Corps truck to keep mud out of the mechanism?

The fenders on a P.T. boat?
6. When a soldier has IGD following his name what do the three letters signify?

A. Immediate Guard duty?
B. Inspector General's Department?

C. Inspector of Guard Dogs?
7. Only male dogs are accepted for training in the K-9 Dog Corps.
True? False?

8. The Pripyat marshes appear frequently in today's news dispatches. Which country would you place them in—
A. Italy?
B. New Guinea?
C. White Russia?

9. Quinine and atabrine are cures for malaria.
True? False?

10. A new ration book—No. 4—was distributed all over the country last week. Can you remember what was the first commodity to be rationed?
A. Shoes?
B. Sugar?
C. Canned Goods?

(See Answers, page 15)

Open Buttons Bring Push-up Punishments

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—The 791st Antiaircraft Battalion has initiated a novel method of fostering military appearance and physical fitness simultaneously.

An order was issued which requires an enlisted man or officer detected without his hat or with any button unbuttoned to immediately do 10 pushups from the ground.

The Mess Line

Said the cigarette: "I hope I don't get lit tonight and make an ash of myself."

Worm, worm, him got no mommy. Him crawl on tummy. Him dummy. Worm.

Mary had a little lamb,
A shapely looking shaft;
And ever since the nylons went
It's painted fore and aft.

—Tuskegee Hawks Cry.

There was the shoemaker's daughter, who gave the boys her awl.

I'm a GI chowhound,
I love to eat and eat.
Until I have my belly full,
I never leave my seat.
I like supper, I like lunch.
And snacks for in-betweens;
But mostly I like breakfast
'Cause then they don't serve beans.

"What happens when the human body is immersed in water?"
"The telephone rings."

"I'd like a new shirt for around the orderly room."
"How big is the orderly room?"

"I dreamed I got a commission."
"Selling what?"

Radio Roundup

(EWT—Eastern War Time)

WE LIKE: Jack Benny, 7 p. m. Sundays; Information Please, 10:30 p. m. Mondays; Man Behind the Gun, 7 p. m. Saturdays; Fibber McGee and Mollie, 9:30 p. m. Tuesdays; Bob Hope, 10 p. m. Tuesdays; Winchell, 9 p. m. Sundays; Bing Crosby, 8 p. m. Thursdays; Charlie McCarthy, 8 p. m. Sundays; Lux 'Theater, 9 p. m. Mondays; Cavalcade of America, 8 p. m. Sundays; Army Hour, 3:30 p. m. Tuesdays; Duffy's Tavern, 8:30 p. m. Tuesdays; Sherlock Holmes, 8:30 p. m. Mondays; March of Time, 10:30 p. m. Thursdays. Anyone agree?

COMMENT: Col. Joseph L. Greene, editor of Infantry Journal, was guest on Columbia's "Of Men and Books" Oct. 23. He discussed the recently published "Infantry Journal Reader." . . . "Flashgun Casey" is now on Saturdays instead of Thursdays. . . . Bob Hawks birthdays on "Thanks to the Yanks" Oct. 30. . . . The QM Depot in French Africa was described on "Confidentially Yours" Oct. 24. . . . Bob Trout narrates on "Dateline" series. 7:15 Fridays. Worth catching, sir!

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Movie Stuff

"Guadalcanal Diary" was screened here for the trade and big shots this week. Said Secretary of War Knox: "It's the greatest motion picture I have ever seen. Nothing would make me happier than to see Hollywood make as great a motion picture concerning the fine job the men of the Navy are doing." . . . Rosalind Russell plans to entertain overseas when she finishes "Ten Percent Woman" for Columbia and "Sister Kenned" for RKO. Rosalind has three brothers in service.

Monty Woolley, beard and all, plays the part of a retired army officer, Colonel Smollett, in "Since You Went Away" now in production at the Selznick Studio. Others in the cast are Claudette Colbert, Jennifer Jones, Shirley Temple and Robert Walker. . . . "The Story of the Vatican" is offered in 16 mm. by Walter O. Gutlohn, Inc., 25 West 45th street, New York, N. Y. It's the first complete motion picture story ever filmed inside Vatican City. Monsignor Sheen narrates the story.



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BAINBRIDGE, Ga.—They had to go the limit before winning the volleyball title but the members of the 322nd Air Base and Headquarters Squadron team had the stuff to come from behind and beat the Medical Detachment, 8-15, 15-12, 15-13, 12-15, 15-5.

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Rival coaches can reach for their crying towels. Over 60 hard-court addicts answered the call for the first basketball practice of the 20th Armored Division. Only one-fourth of them will be chosen for the playing squad.

NORTH CAMP POLK, La.—Pvt. Thomas Brown admits that he was a pretty fair shot before he entered the Army. For once his buddies don't argue. Private Brown went boom ten times with a 37-mm at targets 500 yards away. The bullseye was absolutely ruined by ten holes.

KEESLER FIELD, Miss.—Attention Mike Jacobs! Pvt. Clarence T. Howgley, Jr., 18-year-old heavyweight champion of Keesler Field, has had only three fights in his life and two of them brought him district titles. He captured crowns at the Nashville Golden Gloves and at Keesler.

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—If you like your basketball fast and furious, drop around some Tuesday or Wednesday evening. With three league games scheduled for each evening's play the games have been cut to 15-minute halves.

MICHAEL FIELD, Ala.—Orange, Rose or Sugar Bowl it is all the same to Bob "Breezer" Andridge, who as a University of Tennessee football star celebrated New Year's Day for three years totin' a pigskin around. Air Cadet Andridge used to be right handy carrying the mail and blocking but now he's only interested in an air attack.

FORT McCLELLAN, Ala.—Wanted—Ring officials who would like to have a hand in the two-day leather pushing contest they are staging for camp titles and a chunk of dough for the IRTC Community Chest at Fort McClellan. Everything is ready to go for the November 13-14 show except officials. If you know anyone in that neck of the woods who knows his way around in a ring communicate with Lt. Joseph J. Repko, Special Service Office.

CAMP CARSON, Colo.—Joe Louis and his fighting partners don't spend all of their time in the fight ring judging from a PRO photo. The barn-storming ring masters were pictured seated around a sway-backed GI mess hall table, which was loaded with food.

CAMP DAVIS, N. C.—Fullback Norman Standee, of Stanford and Chicago Bears fame, was commissioned and then drafted. The drafting had nothing to do with selective service—the Blue Brigade needed a line plunger for its remaining football games.

CAMP MacALL, N. C.—Cpl. Harry Pilarski pitched one two-hit shutout and one 14-strikeout game to hurl the 89th Glider Infantry Regiment to the 11th Airborne Division crown.

FORT EUSTIS, Va.—Crying "robbery" is old stuff to fight fans but this time it is for another reason. Sgt. Frank Broderick is a mighty handy guy with his dukes—but there isn't anyone for him to swap punches with.

CAMP KNIGHT, Calif.—Company A, 784 MP Bn., softball team is looking for new worlds to conquer having romped undefeated through the post tournament.

SCOTT FIELD, Ill.—Football teams such as Fordham, Pittsburgh and Notre Dame, famed for their players' names have nothing on the 50th Mess Sq. The roster of its new bowling team contains Kryzanowski, Kaczmarski, Rascati, Kashi, Raczwaki, Mathias and Schiraldi. Pity the scorekeeper.



CHEERLEADING as demonstrated by three Keesler Field, Miss., WACs has a double-barreled effect—even the cheerers are cheered by the presence of the three lovelies. The Keesler eleven responded nobly with a 51 to 0 win over the Gulfport Seabees.

—AAFTC Photo

Even Barnum Couldn't Find Words To Describe Two Football Clashes

Navy-Notre Dame, Army-Penn Games Are Feature Attractions

WASHINGTON—P. T. Barnum probably would say magnificent, stupendous, the greatest show ever staged—but for football fans the words, Penn-Army, Notre-Dame-Navy, out-ballyhoo the master showmen.

In rolling up 202 points to its opponents' 28, the mighty Penn football machine has spun its wheel only once when Dartmouth held it to a 7-6 score.

Army hasn't been threatened as yet in allowing but one touchdown to cross its goal in piling up an impressive 211 to 7 count.

Notre Dame football fans have run out of adjectives. The high-rolling band of Fighting Irish has been named by some as the greatest team to take the field at South Bend—which is talking mighty big. The Irish have romped over five normally rugged teams to the tune of 228 points to 25.

Navy Had Trouble

Navy has had the toughest time of the four in beating N. C. Pre-flight, Cornell, Duke, Penn State and Georgia Tech. The Middies beat them all with a total of 133 points to 40.

In their final tune-up games Notre Dame beat Illinois, 47 to 0, Army toppled Yale, 39 to 7, Penn trounced Columbia, 33 to 0, and Navy rallied to beat Georgia Tech, 28 to 14.

Bill Daley has made the little brown jug a personal trophy. Last year he helped the Minnesota eleven keep the battered cup in Minneapolis and this year he sparked the attack which gave Michigan the trophy by virtue of the worst defeat ever handed the Gophers, 49 to 6.

Colgate upset the dopesters by dumping the favored Cornell eleven,

20-7. Penn State showed a great deal of power in beating Maryland, 45-0.

Camp Edwards Fumbled

Pittsburgh chalked up its second win at the expense of little Bethany, 18-0. Tufts beat Camp Edwards, 18 to 7, while a once great football power Carnegie Tech, was hampered by West Virginia, 32 to 0.

Camp Davis took its place among the football leaders by pasting Davidson, 27 to 0. The 66th at Camp Joseph T. Robinson didn't have a chance as Arkansas A. & M. went on a 6-0 touchdown spree.

Daniel Field topped Presbyterian, 40 to 14. Louisiana State got a bit

of revenge for years gone by in beating Georgia's teen-agers, 27 to 6. North Carolina State had a great deal of difficulty beating the Greenville Air Base, 7 to 0.

Morale Victory

North Texas Aggies won a morale victory by holding its big brother, Texas A. & M., to a 0-0 score. Texas continued on its conference winning way by beating Rice, 58-0. Texas Christian and Tulane beat Oklahoma A. & M. and S. M. U.

From the top to the bottom in one easy lesson is the story of a Wisconsin eleven which took it in the neck again—this time at the hands of Indiana, 30-0. Iowa surprised Purdue during the first half but the surprise didn't last—final score, Purdue 28, Iowa 7.

Northwestern had trouble with the youngsters from Ohio State but won, 13 to 0, while Oklahoma was mop-

ping up Kansas State, 37 to 0. Kansas thought it had a chance to win a Nebraska game but the Cornhuskers got the nod, 7 to 6.

Bowman Field beat Indiana State, 12 to 0, and Great Lakes found Marquette a soft touch, 41 to 0.

Took Revenge

Utah and Colorado, two football powers of the Rocky Mountain region, don't play in that class any more. Tulsa took Utah into camp, 55 to 0, while Colorado College took revenge for years of being on the short end of the score by beating Colorado, 16 to 6.

The upsetting College of the Pacific eleven lost its touch in the final period and dropped the game to Southern California, 6 to 0. St. Mary's Pre-Flight established itself as a power by beating California, 39 to 0.

Washington tossed all the dope sheets overboard and upset March Field, 27 to 7. Del Monte Pre-Flight visited San Francisco and carried home a 34 to 0 win.

Strictly among the boys in uniform Bainbridge Naval took a place at the top of the pile by giving Camp Lee a worse beating, 49 to 0, than the play-for-pay boys had been giving. Fort Knox took a 19 to 0 win over the 220th Engineers. Patterson Field and Fort Sheridan staged a ding-dong contest before the airmen won, 7 to 0.

After playing around with the college crowd Richmond Air Base found the Norfolk Marines easy. The airmen won, 40 to 0.

Two air attacks fizzled as the Salt Lake City Air Base and Nevada battled to a goose-egg tie.

Recovered Tomahawk

Among the lads who draw paychecks for giving their all for the benefit of Sunday football fans, the Washington Redskins almost lost their tomahawks but recovered in time to snatch a 13-7 scalp from the Chicago Cardinals to remain undefeated and untied in league play.

It is strictly a matter of the Redskins and Chicago Bears at this stage of the race with the Bears winning again behind the pay-off pitching of Sid Luckman, 33-21. The Brooklyn Dodgers lost the game but managed to score for the first time in league play this season.

The New York Giants found their winning touch and took the Philadelphia-Pittsburgh Steagles into camp, 42 to 14. Green Bay Packers exploded in the face of the Detroit Lions, who despite the efforts of Harry Hopp and Frank Sinkwich, went down to a 27-6 defeat.

War Fund Workers Served GI Breakfast

ABILENE, Tex.—A regulation GI breakfast was served the workers in the city war fund campaign when the campaign kick-off commenced at 7:45 one morning last week.

A field kitchen with its regular equipment was provided by the 223rd Station Hospital of Camp Barkley. Drive workers were served with messkits and were required to wash their own dishes. Captain Jameson, public relations officer of Camp Barkley, supervised the affair.

Ordnance Depot Wins World's Amateur Turney

ATLANTA, Ga.—Atlanta Ordnance Depot clinched the thirtieth World's National Amateur Baseball Federation Tournament at Shady Run Field defeating the Detroit Auto Club in the second game of a double-header in a two-out-of-three series.

The Ordnance men had promised to bring the honors back to their commanding officer, Col. Roland L. Guagler, and they made good, though the situation looked a bit dubious when Detroit won the first game of the double-header. In the afternoon, by 14-3. But Bill Ayers, pitching hero of the tournament, who had won five games for the soldiers, and his second in two days, chalked up

six strike-outs, while giving only seven hits.

Detroit scored their only run in the last half of the ninth.

Dopesters Say Fighting Irish Rule the Roost

WASHINGTON—The fighting Irish from Notre Dame have rolled up 228 points to their opponents' 25, but even that lop-sided score doesn't equal the 97-to-6 edge the men from South Bend are given by the gents who know their football.

Five of the other first-place votes went to Army, while Purdue in fourth place salvaged the remaining vote. On the basis of 10 points for first, 9 for second, 8 for third, etc., Notre Dame leads the field with 1023 points.

Army is second with 891, Navy third with 683, Purdue fourth with 598, Southern California fifth with 521. Others in the first ten are Pennsylvania, 502; Michigan, 431; Duke, 229; Iowa Pre-Flight, 215; College of the Pacific, 162.

Others listed in order are Washington, Texas, Tulsa, Southwestern Institute of Louisiana, Northwestern, Colorado College, Del Monte Pre-Flight, Great Lakes, Texas A. & M., California, Tulane, Dartmouth, Southwestern of Texas, Colorado, Louisiana State, Indiana, Randolph Field, Arkansas A. & M.

The standings are in for a major reshuffling this next week as Notre Dame meets the Navy eleven and Army tangles with Pennsylvania.

Football fans will probably demand a redeal the following week as graduation of Naval athletes at Notre Dame, Purdue, Southern California, Penn, Michigan, Duke, and College of the Pacific completes the wreckage of the present standings.

Leo The Lip to Lead 'Them Bums' In 1944 Season

WASHINGTON—The feature performer of the great vaudeville team from Flatbush, the Brooklyn Dodgers, known affectionately and otherwise as "them bums," is back in the top billing role after being fired and then rehired within a month.

A lesser hero than "Lippy Leo" would probably hesitate before signing another contract to enter the haven of the most spontaneous baseball baiters in America but Durocher signed his Leo E. for one year's service with obvious pleasure.

Durocher was the center of a great deal of unpleasantness this past season. His "bums" not only blew an early season lead and eventually fell to third place in the final standings but they staged a rebellion to make things most uncomfortable for Branch Rickey's Man Friday.

In due credit to Durocher he brought the Brooklyn fans a third place club in 1939, a second place club in 1940, a pennant winner in 1941, and was nosed out in the stretch in 1942. It probably was a mistake—the 1941 club—the Flatbush fans immediately forgot the lean years of just-out-of-the-cellar clubs.

Tennis Players Win Crown in Two Matches

MAJORS FIELD, Tex.—Although 32 soldiers were entered in the tennis doubles tournament here, the winners, Sgt. Warren Smith, Sherman, and Pvt. Bob Sheldon, Tulsa, Okla., did not play but one game before entering the final round.

Sergeant Smith and his partner reached the last line of their bracket by virtue of one win and two defaults from early-round opponents. Although "a bit stale," the two enlisted men polished off two Majors Field officers to take the finals, 6-4, 6-3, 7-5.

They will receive miniature sterling silver tennis racquets with a blue raised enamel "M."

Tricer May Be Venison On Pine Camp Menus

PINE CAMP, N. Y.—Venison may take the place of GI fare in more than one 5th Armored Division mess hall this season if soldier sportsmen take advantage of their new hunting privilege on the Pine Camp Military Reservation.

The restriction against hunting here was lifted for the soldiers in time for the opening of the deer season, October 20. They must have written permission from the commanding general, besides regular hunting licenses, before they may hunt on the reservation, however.

Private Dreep Says GI Football Ain't Rough --It's Getting There

By John Fay

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—"Dis foot-ball," said Pvt. Wilbur P. Dreep from a swaying perch on a table in the company's kitchen truck, "is tough business—especially de GI variety."

"Do you mean to say that you, of all dogfaces in the Army of the United States, are out for the company football team?" asked Mess Sgt. Jake Snodgrass. "And kindly keep your feet out of that bucket of onions."

"Youse jests, Sarge," returned Dreep. "Of playin' de game I know from nothin'. I speak of spectatin' in contests of de gridiron."

"Tell me more," said the mess sergeant.

De Numbers Game

"In my comfortable civilian existence on Sands Street—de thoroughfare which would run into de Brooklyn Navy Yard if the Navy Yard had it—I knew little more about football dan dat de corner barber shop run a pool on it in season. Me, I always preferred de numbers game," Private Dreep related.

"While in a weak moment, I confessed same—dat I'd never saw a football game—to one Andy Oinest, PFC, a guy which you may recall, known more about what de Notre Dame eats for breakfast dan about his current job of latrine orderly.

"It seems he has some inside dope dat de LSUs and Aggies—whichever they may be—is playin' in Baton Rouge de comin' Saturday night. De next thing I know Oinest an' me is takin' toins breathin' on a bus goin' to Hattiesburg.

"You will notice I have skipped de harrowing details of gettin' a two-day pass an' a place to hole up in our nearby great city on Friday night. Who else knows better dan you dese things an' weakened condition dey leaves you in?

Weak From Hunger

"De next morning seen us on de way to de bus station at 4 a.m. We didn't have no alarm clock an' dis Oinest is makin' sure not to miss de game. For my part, I was ready to go back to camp. Time de bus come in I was so weak from hunger—and playin' de pin-ball machine—dat I couldn't order my coffee above a whisper.

"So we an' half de population of Forrest County gets on de bus. Beln' there in practically de middle of de night, we got seats—complete with a Marlin's elbow in me eyes—but give dem up to two somewhat attractive babes.

"After we get to just outside Sill-de de dames spots two sailors standin' up, goes over to join dem,

an' gives our seats to two high school boys. Already tired out by dis foot-ing, I was all for stayin' in New Orleans an' de time Oinest gets me on de bus, all de seats is gone.

"So okay—we're in Baton Rouge, see, an' de next ting in de game, it seems, is to get a place to sleep. I suggested de hospital, but no. A hotel clerk concedes us a cot in an ordinary room with a company of other guys, 50 per cent of which, I discover later, snore.

"Den we buy de tickets, which would be easy for a guy in good health except for de dame just ahead of us which can't sit down because she can't see, up high on account of her blood pressure, or halfway between because de lights hurt her eyes.

Dis Guy Oinest

"I make a try at recoverin' in de next couple hours an' just as I cork off to sleep, along comes dis guy Oinest an' tells me we gotta go.

"We stand an' waited for de bus until a guy come along an' tied his horse to us. The jerk which packed us into de bus could have give lessons to a New York subway guard. De fact dat de bus bulged at little where de seat of my pants touched de back end was not purely coincidental.

"So we get to de ball game. After climbin' so high my nose commenced to bleed, we got our seats an' it was truly a beautiful picture with de greensward down below, de night air, an' a nice piece of concrete to lay my head on.

"But I no sooner started to doze off dan my beautiful picture is smashed. Everybody starts yellin' like mad, de lights come up, an' a band starts to play. Dis goes on for awhile with de guys on de field runnin' and sluggin' each other in a very silly manner.

"Den dis foolishness seems to hit de crowd. De guy behind me yaps like crazy, hits me in de ribs with his knees, an' pounds me over de head, all de time hollerin' 'Look at him go!'

Pop Bottle in My Fist

"De foist time I let it go, see. De second time, okay, but I'm gettin' mad. De told time I figure if it's all part of de game, he's foulin' me an' I hit him back, bein' careful to keep a pop bottle in my fist.

"Next ting I know I'm sittin' outside on de grass, just about one big bruise.

"Dat's why I say," said Private Dreep, as the kitchen truck bumped to a stop in a blacked-out bivouac area, "dis football is tough business. Let de guys what likes it watch it, but gimme a nice simple trip through de infiltration course anytime!"

Soldier Builds Television Set, Entertains Buddies

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—Sgt. William H. Tygert, Company Z, 803d Signal Training Regiment, built a television set from salvaged parts recently which is giving a good deal of pleasure in the evenings to the men of his company.

Tygert has been experimenting with radio for years and has his own research laboratory at his home but this was the first time he has tried his hand at television. He has built previously a non-interceptable radio control set which would control aerial torpedoes.

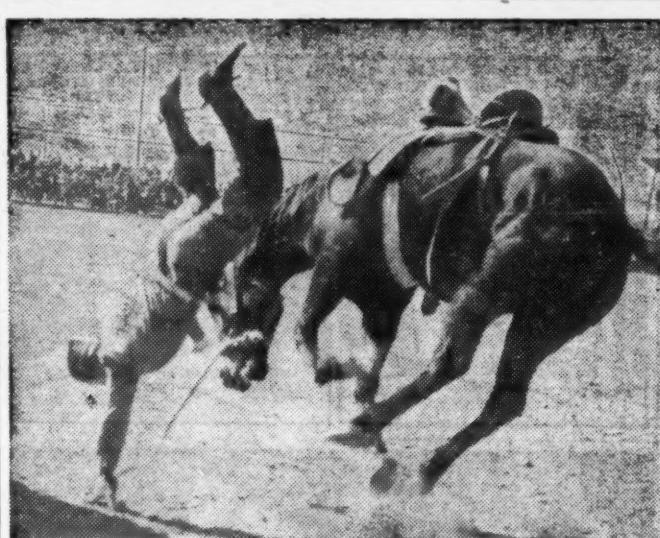
An instructor in the Radio Repair School here his specialty is maintenance of Signal Corps communications equipment. But his off-duty hours are spent in a lab he has rigged up in the squad room of his barrack. He presents television broadcasts three or four nights a week on the set which ranks with any commercial model.

Trainees Welcomed With Stage Program

CAMP ABBOTT, Ore.—The Hollywood touch descended on the post last Sunday when Company B of the 52nd Battalion put on a "colossal" stage program at the post theater to welcome new trainees of the 52nd's second increment.

The stage presentation followed a series of welcome addresses and orientation talks. One act depicted the stalking of Japanese soldiers. Another innovation was an announcement board manned by two officers. Picture placards presented Army object lessons which were much more effective than if given by verbal means.

Orientation programs were introduced at this post by the first increment of the 52nd battalion and were later adopted by other units.



STRICTLY A ONE-POINT LANDING

Two Non-GI Boots Go Sky High

—Signal Corps Photo

Camp Campbell GI Cowboys Find Broncos a Bit Rugged

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Staying on the hurricane decks of some western saddle broncs as they sun-fished their way across the arena grounds at Camp Campbell proved too much for the GI cowboys and after a two-day show the cayuses hadn't been ridden.

Jockeying the loose-skinned rugged critters from down in the Panhandle country, the Brahma Bulls, proved a bit easier for the GI riders with Sgt. Hubert Taylor riding home to first money in the Sunday show.

Sergeant Taylor also stayed on the high-kicking bareback buckers for a first and second money. Pvt. Luther Holman also found the bow-necked critters comfortable riding and scored a third in bull riding two days and a first in the bareback riding.

Other GIs who captured a bit of prize money were Cpl. Robert W. Dale, bareback bucking, T/4 Charlie Hall, bull riding, and bareback bucking.

To Sgt. Bert Goodman went the honor of dropping the only noose over the fast-running calves.

Bulldogging or steer wrestling was just as tough for the soldiers, and two civilians with the show had to show the soldiers how to drop off a horse and throw a Texas Long-horn.

It was quite a show for the soldiers. For two days the rumbling of tanks and armored vehicles played second fiddle to broncs, ten-gallon hats and bawling calves.

There were many special attractions such as Darlene Long and her high school horse, the miniature trained bull, Peanut, and the showing of some saddle stock.

Mr. Turnley Randolph, with the aid of Mrs. William Garza, noted horsewoman from Nashville, exhibited several of his prize-winning trotters and walking horses. The 20th Armored Division band lent the musical touch to the occasion.

Regimental Orientation Officers Are Provided

WASHINGTON—Orientation officers in the grade of captain are provided for regiments and equivalent units selected whenever practicable from among the officers already assigned to the unit or organization in which he will serve, says WD Circular No. 261, 20 October, 1943.

Tables of Organization of regiments and equivalent units have been changed accordingly. The mission of orientation officers is "to create and maintain in every officer and enlisted man a feeling of individual responsibility for participation in the war and to strengthen his efficiency as a soldier by increasing his understanding as to why we fight, keeping him informed as to the course of the war and news of the world, and giving him an opportunity to add to his effectiveness through off-duty individual or group study." Following are the duties and qualifications of orientation officers as set forth in Circular 261:

b. Duties.

(1) General.—To study and report through staff channels to the commanding officer on training conditions affecting morale within the command.

(2) Orientation.

(a) To conduct the training program known as the Army Orientation Course.

(b) To obtain, through channels from higher echelons, such definitions of the military mission as are related to orientation.

(c) To assist in or conduct for unit commanders the instruction, guidance, and preparation of material for use in orientation meetings and other related activities.

(d) To maintain a current orientation center or centers containing files and library material relating to the subject matter of orientation.

(e) To provide material relating to orientation to camp or unit newspapers.

(f) To maintain liaison with other staff officers on matters affecting morale.

(g) To arrange for and present lectures and motion picture showings relative to orientation.

(h) To obtain materials for and disseminate news summaries.

(i) To organize and provide for conducting, or conduct, orientation meetings for staff officers.

(j) Information.

(a) To arrange that the information services and facilities made available by the War Department are used to the fullest extent.

(b) To supervise and cooperate.

ate in the publication of unit newspapers and utilization of camp newspaper service and Army News Service.

(c) To supervise the operation of radio, public address and carrier installations, Army News Service, and special programs.

(d) To arrange the showing of information films in compliance with War Department directives.

(e) To arrange proper distribution of guides to foreign countries, pamphlets relating to orientation, and similar material.

(f) To arrange circulation and display of orientation posters.

(g) Education.

(a) To arrange educational programs available to personnel in off-duty time and to obtain instructors.

(b) To facilitate the enrollment of personnel in the program offered by the United States Armed Forces Institute, and to give publicity within the command to the Institute program, including instruction by correspondence and self-teaching materials, and arrangements for academic credit with high schools and colleges.

(c) To arrange for the regular showing of "G.I. Movies."

e. Qualifications.

(1) The orientation officer will be selected on the basis of his interest in presenting the justice of the cause for which we fight. He will be well acquainted with the facts concerning the causes, issues, and course of the war.

(2) He will preferably be a college graduate and possess the ability to present his views clearly and convincingly.

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Book-ings

Ernie Pyle's book, "Here Is Your War," was released this week. Great reporting. An honest, personalized account of just what is happening in Africa. No grand strategy but a warm, moving story of the entire campaign, written at the fighting front. And that's not half of it . . . "The Framework of Battle" by Lt. Col. John G. Burr, just published, contains discussion of the weather factor in warfare. Weather had much to do with Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo . . . Sears, Roebuck, Chicago, invite you to enroll in their "People's Book Club" and send memberships to friends as Christmas presents. If interested, write for info to Sears, Roebuck, Chicago.

Third edition of "Quartermaster Emergency Handbook" is offered by the Quartermaster Association's Book Department, 1026 17th Street, N.W., Washington 6, D. C. Paperbound, \$1.00; leatherette, \$1.50 . . . "Personal Leadership for Combat Officers" (Reed) is published by McGraw-Hill Book Co., 330 West 42nd Street, New York, N. Y. . . Also Stein and Brown's "It's a Cinch Private Finch" (\$1.50) . . . "Bridge to Victory, the Story of the Taking of Attu," by Howard Handelman is condensed in the November Reader's Digest.

Duel, Sloan and Pearce, Inc., will publish "Gliders and Glider Training" by Emanuele Stieri Nov. 12 . . . and "Common Cause," a background of the global war, on Nov. 11 . . .

Secretary Patterson And Washington Group Inspects Fort Sill

WASHINGTON—Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, with high-ranking officers of the Army and members of the National Inventors Council, inspected Fort Sill, Okla., recently. They witnessed firing by eight battalions of field artillery.

Judge Patterson was interested in the training of the field artillery soldiers and officers and in their technique of firing by battery and by battalions and by groups. It was his first visit to the Kiowa-Comanche Indian country where the white men fought bands of Kiowas, Comanches, Cheyennes, Arapahoes, and Kiowa-Apaches, and where Geronimo found his final resting place.

As an infantry officer of the World War, who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in action, Judge Patterson was particularly interested in the accuracy and effectiveness of today's field artillery.

Brig. Gen. Jesmond D. Balmer guided Judge Patterson and his party throughout their tour, and other officers on the post to greet them included Maj. Gen. Ralph McT. Pennell, commanding the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center; Col. Kenneth S. Perkins, the post commander, and Brig. Gen. Charles R. Doran, field artillery commander.

Col. Frank C. Mellon, World War artilleryman and well-known football player and coach, discussed the new artillery training details with Judge Patterson and his party.

Accompanying the Under Secretary on the trip were: Brig. Gen. William F. Dean, AGF; Col. Basil D. Edwards, Infantry, office Under Secretary of War; Col. Stanley J. Grogan, GSC, deputy director, Bureau of Public Relations; Senator E. Moore, Oklahoma; Congressman Paul Stewart, Oklahoma, member of the Military Affairs Committee.

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Column of Poets

(Soldier poets, this is your column. Use it. Send in that poem you scribbled on the back of an envelope or wrote while resting on your bunk. We realize that in literature is found the expressions of a period.)

Morning Report

There's one (1) of the Cadre
And one (1) PFC . . .
Wherever they went
Beats the hell out of me.
Ten (10) men are on detail
To pick up the bits,
And two (2) of the Corporals
With GI Flits.
The T-4 is missing
Mattress cover and all,
Perhaps he'll return
All A-rab this fall.
Our Bugler's been AWOL
Since Saturday noon—
If he stays the duration
It won't be too soon.
Eight (8) men in the Guardhouse,
Four (4) in the latrine,
And three (3) new replacements—
I never have seen.
But, I'll put down "All Present!"
They'll turn up on the day
That's been marked by the Captain
For our Partial Pay.
—Pvt. Edward G. S. Edwards
North Africa.

Minneymore Script

Dehydrated carrots I relish,
And dehydrated 'taters aren't bad,
And though dried eggs are quite
heilish,
They beat lots of food that I've
had
Dehydrated fruits of all kinds I eat,
And still my heart doesn't fail,
But there is one thing that has me
beat
The fact they dehydrate my mail.
I rush madly out at sound of Mail-
Call,
And pray that a letter has come,
Then when I get it, my tail feathers fall
For it isn't as big as your thumb.
I really don't like this "Minneymore
Script"
The big ones are so much better
Yet, outta my way 'less you wanna
get stripped
When I hear I've a V-mail letter.
—T/3 Harvey B. McRory
North Africa.

Louisiana Woods

If by night you chance to waken,
And you find yourself a-shakin',
And you feel you need a bakin',
Brother, that's the Louisiana woods.

If a mosquito comes a-flittin'
Looking for a chance to sit in,
It's ten-to-one that you'll be bitten.
When you're in the Louisiana
woods.

If by dawn your eyes are bleary,
And your bones are kinda weary,
And the outlook's somewhat dreary,
Brother, that's the Louisiana
woods.

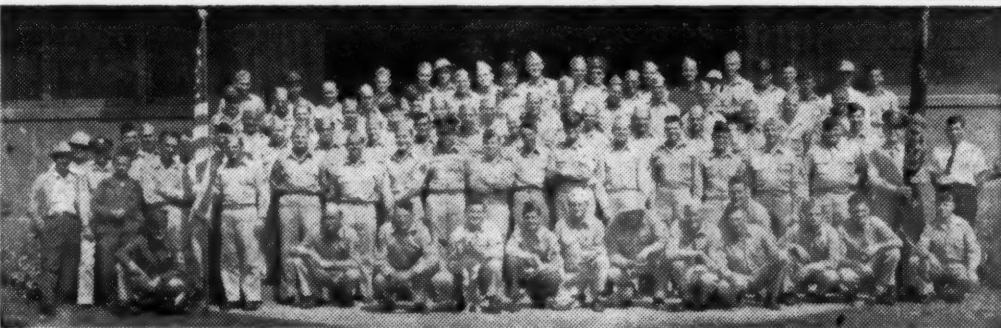
It's no use to be a-frettin'
When the rain gives you a wettin',
On the weather you can't bebettin'
When you're in the Louisiana
woods.

If it's luxury that you're cravin',
Such as hot water for your shavin',
Then you'd best find another haven,
There's no luxury in the Louisiana
woods.

—T/5 Robert E. Lee
Camp Livingston, La.

New Use for Jeeps

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—Something new in uses for jeeps was uncovered here. Six jeeps from the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center delivered bonds to 308 purchasers in the city of San Antonio, during a rally sponsored by radio station WOAI. Out went a jeep, with a cadet center bugler sitting beside the driver. Each time the jeep stopped, the bugler played assembly. Each time the driver presented a bond and collected the money, the bugler played a special bond call. The sale lasted 16 hours, and netted more than \$20,000.



FOX-CORNET POST NO. 9
Only about one-third of members are in photo.

Legion Post One of Oldest in Hawaii

LUKE FIELD, Hawaii—Named in honor of the first aviators to give their lives to the cause of aviation in Hawaii, Fox-Cornet Post No. 9 of the American Legion is one of the oldest Legion posts in the Department of Hawaii.

It was named for Lieutenant Fox and Corporal Cornet, who disappeared while flying from Oahu to Hilo. When last seen they were winging their way over the vast gulches that hug the shores between Mahukona and the Hamakua coast.

Fox-Cornet Post has collected more than 10,000 phonograph records and more than 100,000 magazines and books for use of the men of this war.

Reveille to Taps

CAMP PICKETT, Va.—Somebody forgot to tell the bugler of one of the outfits training here that reveille would be half an hour later one morning this week. The outfit's commanding officer had let the men dance late the night before and thought maybe they'd like to sleep little later in the morning.

So the innocent and uninformed bugler blew first call as usual—and the GI's grumbled as usual. Then someone quickly told the bugler what the Old Man had ordered. So, by way of apology and redress, the bugler wet his lips again and immediately blew taps. The GI's gratefully turned over for another half hour of dreams.

Ordnance Studies Invasion Technique

WASHINGTON—Working in an experimental station and on the beaches of England, picked United States Army Ordnance soldiers are teaming up with combat troops to perfect the most effective techniques for landing assault equipment on enemy shores and for its recovery if crippled, the War Department declared this week.

Discoveries made at the experimental station by the Ordnance men and the findings of the British are shared. Classes are being held with combat troops to attain the highest degree of cooperation, and units test out the techniques in practice on the beaches.

The Ordnance men, hand picked for their specialized knowledge and experience, are under the command of Maj. Ray C. Connor, who helped design the General Sherman tank.

These May Be Issued Overseas If and When

WASHINGTON—Candy, cigarettes, tobacco, matches, chewing gum, toilet soap, tooth powder or paste, tooth brush, shaving cream, safety razors and blades may be issued in theaters of operations outside continental U. S. as a part of the field ration.

Changes No. 4, AR 30-2210, 19 Aug. 1943, provide in part for the issue of any or all of these items as a part of the field ration when facilities are not available to make sales of these items to troops from sales commissaries, exchanges, or commercial sources.

McCoy's GIs Will Be Ready If Real Nazis Ever Appear

CAMP MCCOY, Wis.—Surprised and somewhat dazed, Camp McCoy soldiers, who saw two Nazis parading around the post recently, didn't let their astonishment get the better of them. They proved themselves right on the beam when they "captured" the invaders in the prescribed GI manner.

"Germans" were two soldiers from the 76th Infantry division's G-2 section, sent out on a test walk by Lt. Col. A. K. du Moulin, intelligence officer. The men, Sgt. George Hoffstein and Pfc. Fred Berbig, played their roles superbly, even spouting German at armed Yankee soldiers who escorted them to various guardhouses.

Experiment Successful

Uniforms were newly arrived from the Philadelphia Quartermaster depot and Camp Ritchie, Md., and will be used to teach 76th Division troops to recognize German soldiers.

The experiment proved that the men of the 76th didn't need any lessons on Nazis. Berbig and Hoffstein started on their tour from headquarters. They had hardly traveled a block before an MP officer detained them. They talked themselves out of that situation and proceeded on their way.

During the next half hour they were forcibly shoved into three guardhouses, went through the usual paces given prisoners and "enjoyed" some uneasy moments staring down the muzzles of rifles, sub-machine guns and pistols manned by the 76th Division officers and enlisted men.

But each time, after the arrest procedure had been completed Colonel du Moulin arranged for their release.

Sensed a Trick

Many soldiers sensed a trick but the seemingly inability of Hoffstein and Berbig to understand English seemed to convince soldiers it was the real thing.

Berbig and Hoffstein were both glad when the "experiment" was over. A few times during their unique experience as "enemies" they were pretty uncomfortable, especially when accosted by arms at the hand of guards or verbal threats by sol-

Special Service Offers Monthly Record Release To Be Known as V-Disc

WASHINGTON—Latest Special Service venture to see that Yank soldiers will have music wherever they go is the V-Disc—monthly releases of recordings sent to all the regular Hit-Kit patrons.

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First issue of V-Discs, which is starting out with a bang and includes a whole album of records, is already on its way to Special Service officers. Approximately 90 per cent of V-Discs will be sent overseas.

RUSSIA has published the findings of a state commission which has investigated charges of murder, torture and looting against individual German officers and officials.

Cpl. John Dunn, Geiger Field, Wash.



Letter Writers May Use Mess at Night

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Mess halls in the 20th Armored Division are now being kept open at night to provide more space for soldiers to write their personal and important letters "home." It was announced this week by the division's special service office.

This action is being taken at the request of Brig. Gen. C. M. Daly, who pointed out that letters are one of the most important morale factors with America's fighting men. In the new plan, which will complement writing facilities already available, unit special service officers are making arrangements to keep their separate mess halls open, well lighted and comfortably heated at night.

Two companies in the 20th's Ordnance Maintenance Battalion inaugurated the practice several months ago, and added pastries and coffee as an inducement to write more letters. During the recent cold snap the two mess halls had quite a run on letter writers.

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SOLDIER SHOWS

In this column the entertainment section of the Special Service Division contributes items on soldier shows which are in some way interesting or outstanding. Perhaps in those items you may find a suggestion which will be helpful to you in producing your show.

"PARDON MY IQ"

FORT BENNING, Ga. This show, built around a cast of 50 performers and in rehearsal for only 18 days, had pace and some original entertainment angles and gave the pack-weary ASTP men a laugh fest. The top act of the show was "THE STAGE DOOR CANTEEN," with the Regimental Glee Club helping to set the mood. The "canteen" was suggested by using a few simple props and posters, and was the excuse for bringing in a number of GI comedians in a variety of original skits, stunts, musical numbers and imitations that ranged all the way from "Henry Aldrich" to Charles Laughton and Billie Burke, and a clever take-off of Peter Lorre. The informal atmosphere of the canteen was put across, with EM from the audience invited to take part. This type act can be easily copied on other soldier programs, with the GI impersonations of various stars being introduced as the honored guests of the evening. The friendly atmosphere is helped by doing a few unrehearsed numbers, picked at random from the audience. A pianist who can play almost any tune from memory is a big help. Other acts included a specialty called "SHOW STOPPER," in which a GI played the OLD GRAY MARE in character all the way from a "tearful tight" on broken-down organ to a Carnegie Hall concert, and wound up with "ginger ale pixies" beating out boogie woogie on the old family music box. A MARCH OF TIME "broadcast" presented unusual possibilities of theme and treatment and had an inspiring patriotic "lift." This angle can be successfully used on other shows, as the pattern allows for stirring presentation of current events. The evening concluded with a grand finale featuring "THIS IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR."

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Do You Know Any of These?

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Mrs. Robert Taber (Jane) (Capt. QMC).

Mrs. Morton Elmer Towne (Col. QMC).

Mrs. William S. Wright (Opel) (Capt. or Maj. AC).

Quiz Answers

(See page 11).

1. B.
2. C.
3. False. She may wear a wedding gown.
4. B.
5. A. They are used mainly on night bombers to protect the planes from barrage balloons.
6. B.
7. False. Both sexes are accepted.
8. C.
9. False. Both quinine and atabrine are preventives. There is yet no known chemical or medicine which is a cure for malaria.
10. B.

finish line.

The Witches Relay: Each runner is given a broomstick and, holding it between his legs merely by keeping the legs together, must run to the next man, flapping his arms all the way. He dismounts, gives his teammate the broom and the latter mounts and repeats the procedure.

Ducking for Apples: Of course this old faithful needs no further description.

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THE PRODUCTION LINE

ORIGINAL ARMY SHOWS: Pvt. Bob Stuart McKnight, actively engaged in producing Army shows at Scott Field, Ill., lists a few DO's and DON'T's to relieve the headaches of Army theatricals:

Don't try to be professional. All attempts at "professional theatre, using actors without professional experience, result uninterestingly.

Don't ACT the director, even if you possess the necessary qualifications. You don't have time, and the cast will put grappeneys in your bed.

Do cut a rehearsal short if it isn't going well. You can't expect a group of busy, inexperienced soldiers to be on the beam every day. They'll make up for it at the next rehearsal. It's amazing how much can be accomplished in three one-hour rehearsals a week, if you plan your work in advance.

Don't mess up your show with bits of business and unimportant cleverabilities. They will only confuse the actors and, again, there isn't time. Plan your direction along broad sweeping lines. The actors will furnish enough "little business" on their own hook.

ASIDE FROM THE "COLD STANDBYS" such as Tug O' War relay races, sprints, etc., there are many hilarious events which can form a large part of a Hallowe'en program and add to the fun. Several suggestions follow:

APPLE RACE—Contestants are required to balance an apple on top of their head and walk to a goal line. If the apple falls off, the contestant must go back to the starting point and begin all over.

SACK RACE—Each runner wears a burlap sack, held by hand around his or her hips. (The salvage office can supply sacks.)

PEANUT PUSHING RACE: This, of course, is a contest using the proverbial way of paying off an election debt. A course is decided on and peanuts placed on a starting line. The contestants get on hands and knees and, at a given signal, push peanuts with their noses to a

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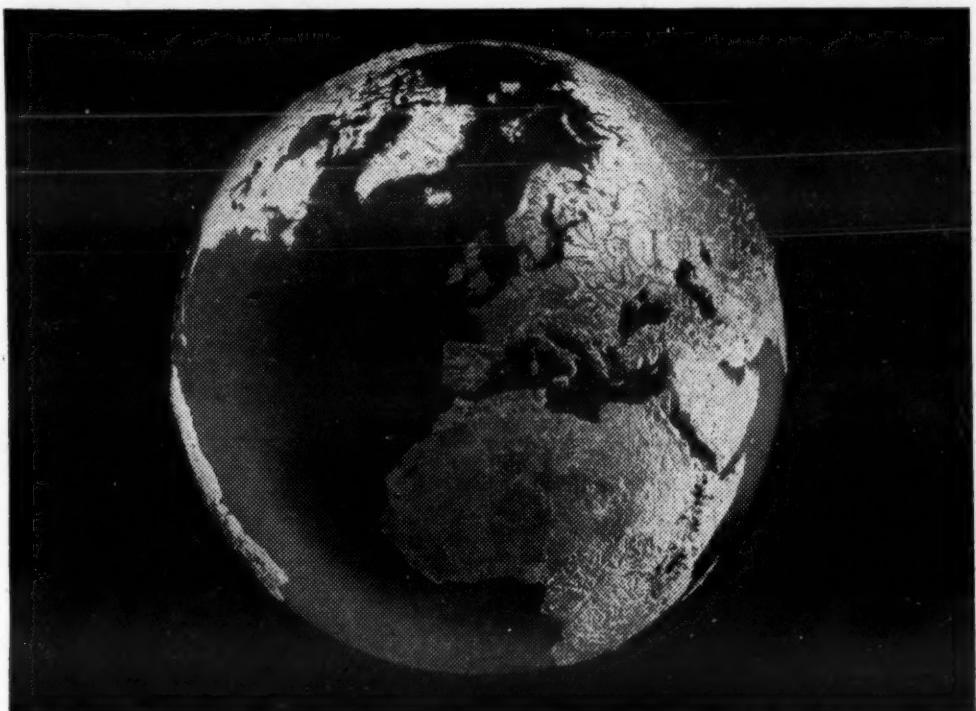
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